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Beleaguered president turns to West

Secret missions sent to seek aid for Gorbachev

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev has, for the past month, been engaged in secret diplomatic moves to try to recover Western support for his leadership and to persuade the Group of Seven industrialised nations to give the Soviet Union substantial credit.

The moves appear to have been prompted by his failure to win more financial support from both Japan and South Korea. Details of his latest attempts to save the Soviet economy have emerged piecemeal in recent days, and two former Soviet and Russian government ministers have been identified as special envoys to the United States.

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister who issued a warning about the risk of dictatorship when he resigned last December, is said to have combined a mission for Mr Gorbachev with his lecture tour. He has also met West European leaders in Moscow. The other envoy is Grigori Yavlinsky, who resigned last autumn as deputy leader of the Russian Federation when Moscow rejected the radical 500-day economic reform programme.

Mr Yavlinsky came to Mr Gorbachev's notice as co-author of the programme and there were reports that he was offered an advisory post by the president. Although Mr Yavlinsky rejected the offer, the two men have stayed in touch. Since then, Mr Yavlinsky has been advising both the Russian Federation and Nursultan Nazarbayev, the president of Kazakhstan, who is trying to formulate a comprehensive privatisation programme for the republic. At the weekend, he confirmed the nature of Mr Yavlinsky's American mission.

While Mr Shevardnadze appears to have been asked to lobby political leaders, including President Bush, Mr Yavlinsky was sent to talk to economists and organisations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the Group of Seven. *Moscow News*, the weekly journal, published an interview with Mr Yavlinsky last week and a chronology purporting to show who he met in the United States.

It is believed that Mr Gorbachev wants to attend the Group of Seven meeting in London in July, but only if he is accorded more than observer status and guaranteed a sympathetic hearing. The Soviet leadership is thought to be seeking a $20 billion (£11.6 billion) loan, coupled with a wide-ranging development programme along the lines of the Marshall plan.

Moscow is unlikely to win substantial Western credit, however, unless it makes some effort to meet the recommendations made by the IMF last autumn. Senior Soviet officials have hinted that the final version of the government's "anti-crisis programme", due to be published this week, will meet many of the conditions. Mr Nazarbayev said that the last draft would be quite different from the first version, published before Mr Gorbachev went to Japan.

The main difference is thought to centre on the relationship between Moscow and the republics. The principles set out in the nine-republic agreement of April 23 make the republics contributors to a voluntary union, rather than recipients of central distribution. The agreement was the first time this distinction had been drawn since the 500-day programme was rejected.

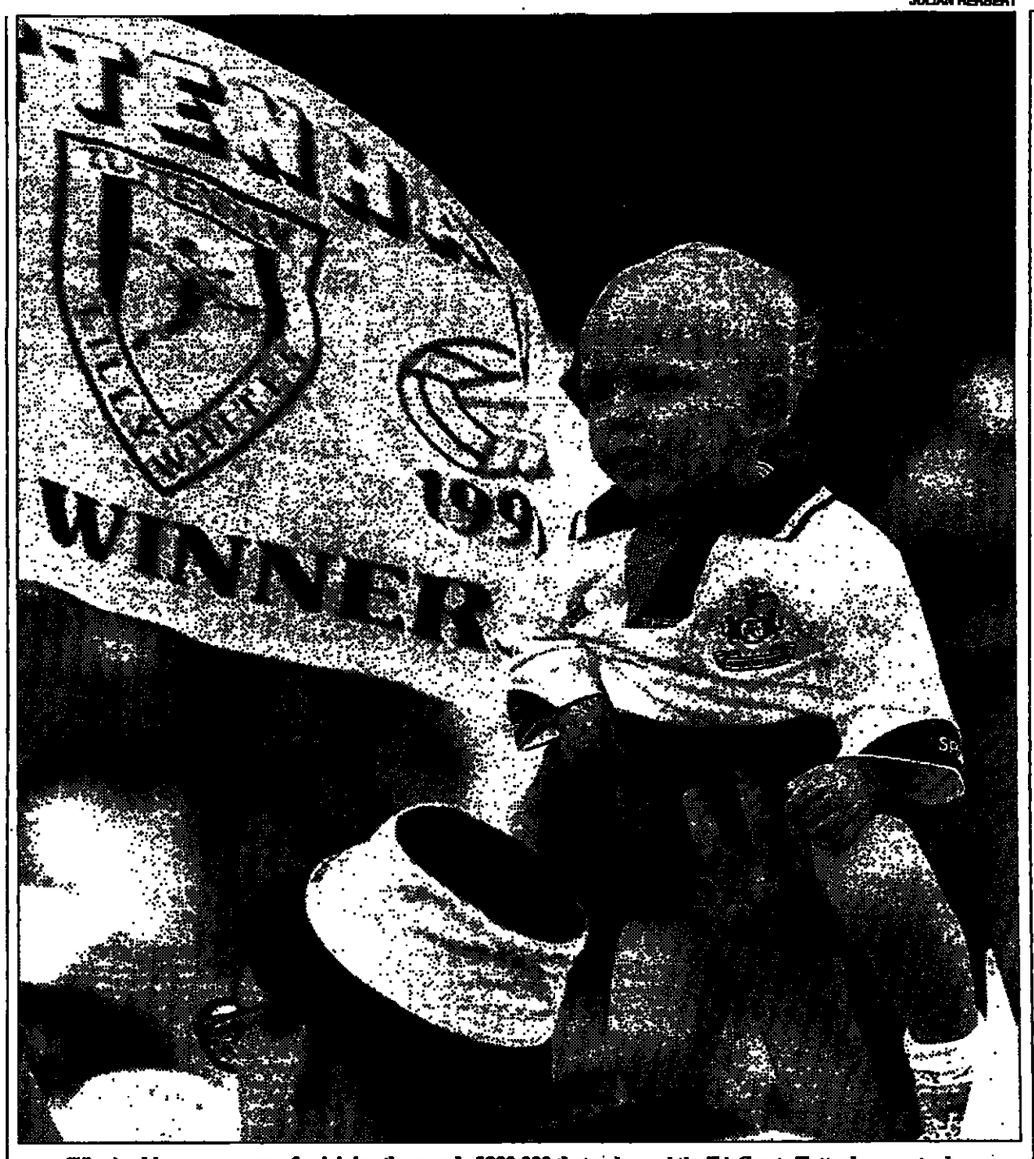
The secret diplomacy has not pleased Soviet hardliners, who see their influence diminishing as Mr Gorbachev turns back to the reformists and to the West. A weekend commentary in *Krasnaya Zvezda*, the military newspaper, carried the headline "And now – 'privatised' diplomacy?"

The article said people were writing to ask "just how many foreign ministers do we have? Once, there was only Shevardnadze; then he fled the political scene. In his place came Bessmertnykh, a sophisticated and educated person. But now, it seems, the US president is receiving Shevardnadze, who is asking Bush for $1.5 billion so that the Russians don't starve ... Why isn't the president himself making these requests? After all, he swore in his presidential oath to take responsibility for the country's well-being."

As Mr Gorbachev tries to strengthen his position, Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation and his main antagonist during recent months, seems likely to face his own struggle to hold on to the presidency on June 12. Five opponents, including Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former Soviet prime minister, had put themselves forward when nominations for the first direct presidential elections closed on Saturday night.

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JULIAN HERBERT



Winning his spurs: a young fan joining the crowd of 200,000 that welcomed the FA Cup to Tottenham yesterday

Chambers given target for ethnic barristers

The Bar Council has set its lawyers a radical recruitment target for ethnic minorities, reports Frances Gibb

Every set of barristers' chambers should try to recruit 5 per cent of its lawyers from ethnic minorities, the Bar Council says.

Under a radical race relations policy approved at the weekend, the Bar Council would also encourage local government and organisations such as the Crown Prosecution Service to distribute 5 per cent of their work to barristers from the ethnic minorities.

The policy was welcomed in outline by the Bar Council at a meeting on Saturday. It will come back for final approval in July.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "This would be the most sophisticated race relations policy of any profession." There were a number of highly qualified black students around and he wanted to make sure that the Bar got its fair share.

"If chambers do not have 5 per cent of barristers from the ethnic minorities, this target will enable them to ask themselves why. It may be they have not had the applications but at least the target will provide a guideline."

Although 6 per cent of qualified barristers are black and 12 per cent of all pupils, they are concentrated in very few sets of chambers. There have in the past been charges of "ghetto" sets.

At present half (189) of all chambers have no barristers from ethnic minorities and 53 per cent of all the 350-400 ethnic minority barristers are concentrated in some 16 sets of chambers (out of some 330). Only one judge and six QCs are non-white.

The proposals were put to the Bar Council by its race relations committee, chaired by Mr Justice Brooke. Peter Herbert, of the Society of Black Lawyers, yesterday welcomed the proposals, which he said had been drawn up on the basis of the society's suggestions.

Gascoigne operation scuppers £8.5m deal

By JOHN GOODBODY

PAUL Gascoigne yesterday underwent a two-hour knee operation which immediately caused Lazio to shelve his £8.5 million world-record transfer to the Italian club since the England midfield player may not play again for at least six months.

As his Tottenham Hotspur team-mates paraded the FA Cup through north London after their 2-1 win against Nottingham Forest, Gascoigne, who damaged his right knee in a tackle at Wembley, was left with his career in jeopardy because of the difficulties in recovering completely from an operation on the anterior cruciate ligament.

The deal with the Rome club was expected to be concluded this week and would have eased the £18 million debt of Tottenham Hotspur, which all season has been plagued with financial problems and attempted takeovers, some involving Terry Venables, the club manager. Although Gascoigne's departure would have distressed the supporters, it would have been welcomed by Midland Bank, which is owed more than £10 million.

Gianmarco Calleri, the president of Lazio, said that he was waiting for a medical report on the injury and if necessary would send a team of doctors to London to examine the player. "However, if the long recovery period is confirmed, then the deal for Gascoigne will defi-

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New Tory policies aim to regain initiative

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND JILL SHERMAN

CHRIS Patten, the Conservative chairman, yesterday promised a barrage of new policy initiatives in the run-up to the party conference in the autumn, in an attempt to recapture political momentum from Labour. The orchestrated counter-offensive against a Labour party still celebrating its triumph in the Monmouth by-election began over the weekend with a sustained assault on its "big lie" over the national health service reforms.

The next move comes today, when the prime minister joins his cabinet colleagues Kenneth Clarke, education secretary, and Michael Howard, employment secretary, for the launch of two white papers designed to regain the initiative in education and training. However, the high-point in a summer of campaigning intended to scotch the suggestion that, after 12 years in power, the Tories are running out of steam will come before the end of July with the publication of John Major's personal manifesto for raising standards in the public services. He believes that his citizens' charter can make social policy a vote-winner for the Conservatives and undermine one of the main planks of Labour's electoral appeal.

Any hope that the controversy over the health service might die down was, however, set back last night when the Royal College of Nursing criticised the government for allowing market forces to "let rip" in the health service. This morning, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, faces a rough ride from delegates at the RCN's annual congress at Harrogate, who have already complained that they are being "gagged" by health managers about their concerns relating to NHS trusts.

Tomorrow, the RCN is debating two emergency motions calling for the second wave of NHS trusts to be halted until they are fully evaluated, and urging the government to provide extra resources for the health service.

Mr Waldegrave admitted yesterday that he was in a "very hot seat". He has been criticised privately by some Tory backbenchers for not taking a sufficiently tough line with his Labour critics, but he is now in the vanguard of the counter-offensive. Yesterday, he accused Labour of frightening vulnerable people and said he would "nail these scares".

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Thatcher may help in Pretoria talks

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African government sources hinted yesterday that Mrs Margaret Thatcher might be called in to help negotiators to reach a constitutional settlement.

The suggestion emerged as South Africa's progress towards peaceful democracy hung by a thread after the decision by the African National Congress to break off constitutional negotiations with the government and launch a series of boycotts, "stay-aways" and protests until its demands for ending violence, including the sacking the ministers of defence and law and order, are met.

Further tough measures to try to control the weapons being used in the township war between the ANC and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party are expected to be announced in the next few days. A flurry of informal negotiation was reported to be underway yesterday involving the ANC, anti-apartheid groups, church leaders, government representatives and possibly Mrs Thatcher, who is visiting South Africa, to get the power-sharing negotiations back on track.

However what role Mrs Thatcher could play is doubtful – she is regarded with deep suspicion by many within the ANC and the anti-apartheid movement. The Foreign Office in London said yesterday it knew nothing about the possibility of Mrs Thatcher being called in.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday that the South African Council of Churches would meet Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi today.

Girl aged 6 critical after pit bull terrier attack

By PETER VICTOR

A GIRL aged six was in intensive care last night after an attack by a pit bull terrier on Saturday evening in Bradford. There have been renewed calls for legislation to curb ownership of attack dogs and for registration of all dogs.

Rucksana Kahn was in a critical condition at Bradford Royal Infirmary after an exploratory operation yesterday. She suffered multiple injuries in a 15-minute attack by the dog, which "shook her about like a rag doll". The dog was destroyed. Police said under present legislation no charges could be brought.

Earlier this month a Lincoln bakery worker was attacked by a pit bull terrier, and later a 23-month-old girl was savaged by a similar dog in Bolton.

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Britain's astronaut is just out of this world



Sharman: view in space was too good for work

From NICK NUTTALL IN BAIKONUR

WHEN Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space, woke yesterday she was standing on her head. "At the moment I am floating around. Space is out of this world. It is absolutely wonderful," she told her parents John and Lyndis Sharman by radio from the Soyuz TM-12 capsule to flight control centre at Kaliningrad near Moscow yesterday.

By the time Miss Sharman and her two-man crew dock with the Mir space station, scheduled for 3.25pm British time today, the sun will have risen and set for the Sheffield confectionery scientist an estimated 33 times as she spins round the world 16 times a day.

In the run-up to the flawless launch from Baikonur in the desert of Soviet central Asia on Saturday, Miss Sharman had made her eight-day mission seem little more than a trip to Scarborough. But in space she was overwhelmed by wonder. At one point an official had to ask her to stop staring out of the window and get on with some work. The blue horizon and bright flashes of rivers and lakes on earth were so much better than any pictures, she told her parents.

The launch, attended by the British ambassador, Sir Rodric Braithwaite, Major Timothy Mace, the back-up astronaut, much-decorated Soviet colonels, and crowds of locals had a festive air with rock music and mushroom cakes. During the final minutes before blast-off Miss Sharman sat calmly in Soyuz TM12 listening to piped music and chatting in Russian.

At 1.52pm British time the boosters flashed into life, flames spilled out below the launch pad and the spaceship crawled into the air. Nine minutes later Miss Sharman, a portrait of the Queen, a butterfly brooch and a gold pin were in space and her mother was in the arms of her daughter Andrea, aged 25, both weeping with relief.

Since the launch the crew have been checking that the capsule is airtight and testing docking systems. Miss Sharman's responsibilities are controlling heating, communications and a television system to beam pictures back to Earth.

The boosters on the Soyuz are being fired to take the craft to an altitude of between 367 and 385 kilometres for its rendezvous with Mir.

The Moscow Narodny Bank in London, the mission's sponsors, said it was thinking of selling to the Science Museum in London the capsule which will bring Miss Sharman home, as one way of recouping debts estimated at £5 million.

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Accusations of lying focuses public eye on NHS trusts

ACCUSATIONS of "lying" during the Monmouth by-election has focused the public eye even more keenly on the 57 NHS trusts which opted out of local health authority control on April 1.

An election leaflet distributed by Labour claimed that, by voting for it, the local community would save its hospital from opting out of the national health service. Rather late in the day, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, accused Labour — 13 times — of lying on this point. He and John Major have spent the past 72 hours insisting that NHS trusts are not opting out of the health service.

The dispute gathered pace over the weekend as consultants and health pressure groups tried to exploit the ground already prepared by Labour. The NHS Support Federation, chaired by Professor Harry Keen, said: "It was a fiction to contend that trust hospitals remain effectively part of the NHS."

The federation and the NHS Consultants' Association, which represents 350 consultants, said trusts were owned by trust boards rather than the public. They could hire their own staff, set their own salaries, and decide which services they wanted to provide.

Trusts could close unprofitable services and expand those which made money, the groups said. It is that charge, at present untested, which worries health professionals most. Under the NHS and Community Care Act 1990, trusts have technically opted out of health authority control but are still part of the health service. The enabling legislation is deliberately vague, however, perhaps indicating that the government had not quite made up its mind how much autonomy trusts should have.

As the debate on NHS hospitals intensifies Jill Sherman looks at what opting out really means

Trusts, or self-governing hospitals, are still accountable to the health secretary via the trust boards, regional health authorities and the NHS management executive. They will still be expected to conform to health and safety standards, teaching requirements and, arguably, important policy decisions.

In most aspects there is little difference between self-governing hospitals and those still under local health authority control. Both are now competing in an internal market. Both have to price their services and compete for patients.

Trusts can set their own pay rates for most staff. So far, most have decided to pay NHS rates, but Guy's hospital, for example, which recently announced 600 job cuts, intends to use some of the £12.8 million it is hoping to save to lift pay rates 5 per cent above the going rate. The government has already done a U-turn on pay for junior doctors, so that trusts now have to pay them the NHS rate. It may only be a matter of time before this also applies to consultants.

Trusts are also supposed to be able to borrow from the private sector to raise capital for improvements, carry out repairs and expand profitable projects such as private wings. However, the Treasury has imposed such tight external-financing limits that hospitals are unlikely to borrow from private enterprise, particularly as the Treasury has offered preferential interest rates.

The question of whether trusts can decide which services to provide is more difficult to answer. The government said health authorities would have to ensure that "core services" were provided. Ministers never spelled out what these should be, and later said that local public health offices should make the decision about what was needed locally.

The government will rue the day it used "opt out" to describe self-governing hospitals, even with the caveat "of local health authority control" attached. Labour is not technically correct when it claims the trusts have opted out of the NHS, but it raises legitimate concerns about how much autonomy trusts should have and whether business culture can be or should be grafted on to the health service.

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Brooke to make new attempt to start talks

By TIM JONES

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, will make yet another attempt this morning to get his delayed Ulster peace talks going. He meets the Alliance and SDLP parties to explain what he believes was agreed between the Unionists and the prime minister last Wednesday.

For the past two weeks talks about finding an alternative to the Anglo-Irish agreement have remained deadlocked with political parties failing to agree on a venue or a chairman for stage two of the process. Mr Brooke had hoped the first session of round table talks could start today, but history, allied with tactical and procedural manoeuvering, threatens to wreck the chances.

David Trimble, MP, a leading member of the Ulster Unionist Party, yesterday said there would not be a successful outcome to the first inter-party talks for 16 years unless the Irish government agreed to change its constitution and drop its territorial claim to the province.

He said: "We are quite happy to enter into negotiations knowing that right at the top of the agenda will be articles two and three, which make the territorial claim, and the need to remove them."

A senior SDLP source said Mr Trimble's remarks indicated that the Unionists were prepared to agree a form of devolution for the province where they would be a majority, but were intending to block the second and third phases of the process which will involve the Irish government.

Seamus Close, deputy leader of the Alliance party, said: "I am very concerned that the whole situation is becoming more and more messy and more and more riddled with confusion."

Clarke may give management role to school inspectors

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

MANAGEMENT consultants could be recruited to a new-style team of school inspectors to be introduced by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. A wide-ranging review of the existing schools inspectorate will also consider setting it up as an independent agency, separate from the education department.

Mr Clarke told *The Times* that there was no question of Her Majesty's Inspectorate losing its independence or ability to criticise the government. "The key thing is the independence of its advice," he said. "Independence is something I want to enhance rather than to diminish."

Another aim of the review, being carried out by a small departmental team, was to broaden the inspectorate's role beyond just professional and educational advice. "With the responsibilities that we are now placing on heads and governors I am contemplating a slightly broader professional mix so that they can give some advice on management issues, value-for-money issues and so on," he said.

"I would not contemplate that side of the inspectorate's activities ever outweighing the professional side. Nevertheless, I think it's worth looking at whether a flavour of management-consultancy-type role might be introduced."

Mr Clarke said that he expected the review team, which is to report to him in July, to consider ways of widening the recruitment to the inspectorate so that it was not composed solely of educationists and could deal with management issues. At present the inspectorate has two main functions: to advise the government on educational matters and to inspect schools and colleges. Mr Clarke would not be drawn on whether he would like to see the two roles separated, as proposed by Labour.

"It's a good time to have a look at its institutional set-up and give it a proper mission statement that matches what education is going to be like in the next four or five years."

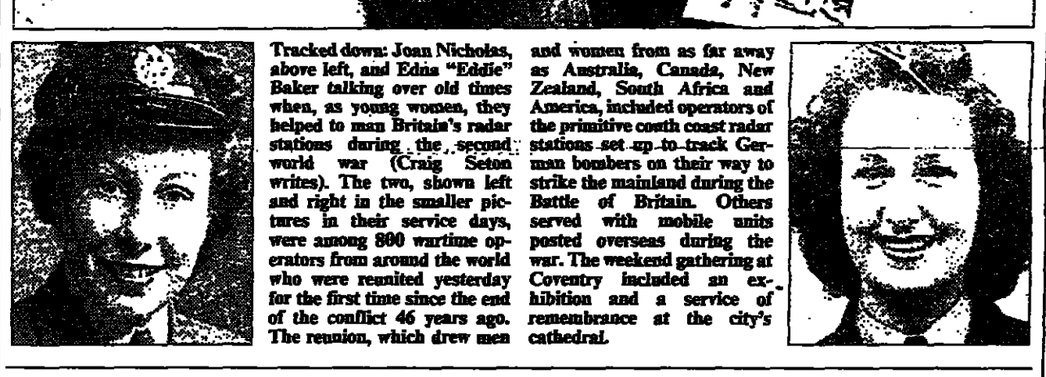
The new chief inspector could be from outside education, "but it would be highly unlikely for anyone to come in without any educational background".

Mr Clarke said the review had become necessary because of the growing number of grant-maintained schools and the removal of all further-education colleges from council control. This meant they were no longer subject to inspection by local authorities and required a different type of back-up service.

The idea was to define clearly the inspectorate's institutional position "and its mission to service the kind of schools system we are going to have. In its advice, it should be independent of me, independent of the government and independent of pressure groups."

Mr Clarke expects to announce his plans for the new service later in the year.

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Tracked down: Joan Nicholas, above left, and Edna "Eddie" Baker talking over old times when, as young women, they helped to man Britain's radar stations during the second world war (Craig Seton writes). The two, shown left and right in the smaller pictures in their service days, were among 800 wartime operators from around the world who were reunited yesterday for the first time since the end of the conflict 46 years ago. The reunion, which drew men and women from as far away as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and America, included operators of the primitive south coast radar stations set up to track German bombers on their way to strike the mainland during the Battle of Britain. Others served with mobile units posted overseas during the war. The weekend gathering at Coventry included an exhibition and a service of remembrance at the city's cathedral.

Poll defeat gives Major some time

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservatives' drubbing in the Monmouth by-election brings one consolation for John Major as he ponders the timing of the next election. With his lingering hopes of a June poll dashed, the prime minister now has more time to hone what will be the most important Tory manifesto since 1979.

That document put Margaret Thatcher on the road to a record hat-trick of election victories and 11 years in power in which her governments brought about a transformation in the seemingly intractable areas of economic management, trade union muscle, loss-making state industries and national self-confidence.

However, Mrs Thatcher was less successful in meeting the popular demand for higher standards in the public services. That is the area which Mr Major has decided to address as he draws up his agenda for the Nineties.

The first clues came in the contest for the Tory leadership in November, when he spoke of creating a classless society by 2000 and emphasised the importance of tax cuts for the low-paid and raising the status of teachers. Now he is seeking a revolution in the way public services are delivered.

While Mrs Thatcher would have put private sector cash and expertise in the vanguard of such a crusade, Mr Major intends to keep the public services in public hands. He wants his "citizens' charter" to prod government departments, local authorities and public bodies into responding swiftly and sensitively to the demands of parents, patients and passengers.

A June election would have meant unveiling the charter in the manifesto. Now that October is the earliest the prime minister can seek a fresh mandate, the white paper due in a month or two takes on a new significance, effectively signposting the programme on which the Tories will base their campaign.

Divining the contents of the manifesto is not so much a question of gazing into the crystal ball as reading the book. Mr Major has been quite specific about his plans. As Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, and Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit, revise the manifesto draft hurriedly assembled for the June option, they know they they will be working to a clear blueprint.

As the accompanying list of manifesto probables and possibles makes plain, the prime minister and his colleagues already have a lengthy list of proposals.

Some at least stem from departmental manifesto working groups; others have been pushed forward by individual ministers, the policy unit and right-wing think-tanks.

Every nook and cranny is being explored as ministers seek to describe what is being done, whether it should continue and whether it might be better not done or carried out by someone else.



Clarke: broader brief for schools inspectorate

House prices 'will hardly rise'

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

SOME 80,000 repossessed homes will be on the market during 1991, according to the economics team of UBS Phillips & Drew, the securities group. It says that the properties, equivalent to a medium-sized town, will soak up demand and, coupled with rising unemployment, will prevent price rises of more than 2 per cent this year.

A report by the team says that the number of repossessed homes for sale will be the highest on record. Many will be sold at low prices because they are in a poor state of repair, have been vandalised or have been unoccupied for some time.

The report says there are also many new houses waiting to be sold and that builders with expensive loans may be willing to reduce prices. These two factors may encourage turnover to rise by 20 per cent on last year's figures but will prevent any significant price rises.

Phillips & Drew predicts that unemployment will rise by 900,000 this year — the biggest increase in any calendar year since records began. This will make potential homebuyers uncertain about future income and will delay many house purchases.

But the team says that the range of special mortgage offers for new buyers and the growing contribution of wives' earnings to household income will encourage people to move in 1992, when unemployment will rise by less than a third of this year's expected rise. The result could be a one-off price rise of 10 per cent next year, but it would be a readjustment and not the start of another housing boom.

In 1990 house sales fell to 1.4 million compared with 2.2 million in 1988 and an annual average of 1.9 million. This suggests that 300,000 people who would have normally moved in 1989 and 500,000 who would have moved last year have not done so. Incomes have grown by 30 per cent since 1988, increasing the desire to move.

Over the next five years there will be more people in the 25 to 34 age group, which accounts for 40 per cent of first-time buyers, adding to the demand for properties.

Tebbit faces action for libel today

NORMAN Tebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, will today appear in the High Court in London to defend himself against an action for libel brought by a Labour council leader (Nicholas Wood writes).

David Bookbinder, leader of Derbyshire council council, is suing Mr Tebbit over remarks he allegedly made five years ago during a by-election campaign.

He is seeking costs and damages over an alleged attack by the former cabinet minister on Derbyshire's decision to declare itself a nuclear-free zone.

The West Derbyshire by-election, won by Patrick McLoughlin for the Tories, was held about a year before the last general election and when Labour's unilateralist defence policy was a burning controversy.

On a visit to Matlock, the then Tory chairman criticised the council's decision to print "Derbyshire supports nuclear-free zones" on its notepaper and envelopes. The exercise allegedly involved recalling stationery from schools.

Mr Bookbinder is suing over a report in the *Derby Evening Telegraph*. It is understood that Mr Tebbit's defence is that his remarks were true and amounted to fair comment.



Bookbinder: suing over campaign remarks

4% increase in tourists

Blazing sunshine boosted visits to parks and gardens last year and swelled the overall 1990 tourist attraction numbers by 4 per cent. However, Madame Tussaud's London waxworks museum was the most popular admission-charging attraction for the fifth year running. The Tower of London took second place.

Country parks were up 5 per cent, historic buildings, gardens and leisure parks up 2 per cent, and wildlife attractions and steam railways up 1 per cent, the British Tourist Authority reported yesterday. Indoor attractions also did well, with museums and galleries receiving 6 per cent more visitors than in 1989.

Number of visits to attractions charging admission in 1990: 1 **Madame Tussaud's** 2,609,000 in 1990 (2,547,000 in 1989); 2 **Tower of London** 2,214,000 (2,298,000); 3 **Alton Towers** 2,070,000 (n/a); 4 **Natural History Museum** 1,467,000 (1,534,000); 5 **Chessington World of Adventures** 1,236,000 (1,515,000).

Heading for final again

Mr P J Meade, aged 51, a civil service mathematician from Shurdington, Gloucester, who came second in last year's national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship, yesterday won the Bristol regional final at the Hilton Hotel, Bristol (John Grant writes). He solved the four puzzles in an average time of 14 minutes each.

Mr J C Harding, aged 38, a pensions administrator from Portishead, was second with an average time of 17 minutes. Mr Jeremy Kenyon, aged 40, a publisher of engineering periodicals, of Chalford, Stroud, was third.

All three go into the national final at the Langham Hotel London, on July 7.

1,500-mile jam

Traffic queues on the M25 totalled 1,500 miles last year, the equivalent of a tailback from London to Moscow, according to report issued by AA Roadwatch. The longest jam stretched 34 miles after a lorry overturned near Brentwood, Essex. A record 100,000 vehicles passed through the Dartford tunnel on April 12 last year, the start of the Easter holiday, causing nine-mile tailbacks in both directions.

Probables and possibles of the Conservative manifesto

AS John Major draws up his agenda for the Nineties, he will address the demand for higher standards in the public sector. Listed are Tory manifesto probables and possibles.

EDUCATION

Probables: Moves to encourage schools to *opt out* of local authority control; streamlined procedures for parental ballots, extra cash incentives.
Reform of *teacher training* to make it more classroom-based.
Break-up of the *comprehensive monopoly* with creation of secondary schools specialising in particular subjects and return of *grammar schools*.
Higher status for *technical and vocational courses* and exams at secondary level.
Reform of *HMI*.
Performance pay for teachers, lecturers, heads and college principals.
Possibles: *Voucher system* for higher education under which students would cash a state scholarship covering their fees at a university or college.
Scrapping *parental contribution* to student grant.
Expanding *student loans*; reclaiming loans through national insurance or income tax.
Compulsory *parental ballots* to speed up opting out or a presumption that all schools are opted out unless they choose to opt in.
Removing *secondary schools* from council control through a five-year programme.
Greatly reduced role for *local education* authorities.

HEALTH

Probables: Commitment to a *free, universal NHS* funded mainly out of general taxation.
Promise of *increased funding*.
Continued development of market-based reforms such as *GP fundholding* and hospital trusts.
Enforceable *rights for patients*.
National targets and strategy for reducing *premature deaths* from main diseases and improving UK ranking in international health league table.
Closer collaboration between NHS and private sector.
Possibles: *Performance pay* for NHS staff.
Right to *private treatment* for patients who wait too long for an NHS operation.

TRANSPORT

Probables: *Privatisation* of British Rail by allowing competing firms to operate on same track.
Sale of council-owned *airports, ports and harbours and bus companies*; and of London buses.
Expansion of *roads network*.
Compensation for delayed passengers on public transport.
More *toll motorways*.
Possibles: *Public subsidy* for fast rail link to Channel tunnel on environmental grounds.
Privatisation of London Tube network.

ECONOMY

Probables: Firm commitment to *sound money*, over-riding need to control inflation, British membership of ERM, and tight control of public spending.
Commitment to target of *20p basic rate* of income tax when economic conditions allow.
Incentives for *savings*.
Further efforts to extend *share ownership*
Relaxation of *inheritance tax* to ease burden on children acquiring family home.
Tax breaks for working mothers.
Extension of *agency status* for Whitehall units.
Possibles:
Reform *tax and benefit system* to tackle poverty trap and remove disincentives to work.
National lottery.
Privatisation of public bodies such as Meteorological Office, Passport Office and HMSO.

EMPLOYMENT

Probables: More *trade union reform*. Compulsory notice periods before strikes. Curbs on automatic deduction of union subscriptions from wages.
New *rights for workers* to scrutinise union accounts.
Expansion of *voucher scheme* for youth training.
Temporary work package to tackle rise in unemployment.
Further erosion of *national pay bargaining*.
Possibles: *Ban on strikes* in essential services.

ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Probables: Strong commitment to *environmental protection* through the "polluter pays" principle.
Tight controls on *greenfield development* and pledges to protect national heritage.
Move to *single-tier authorities* by popular demand.
Replacement of *poll tax* by council tax.
Contracting out of white-collar council services to private firms.
Possibles: *Carbon taxes* on fossil fuels to reduce pollution and conserve reserves.

HOUSING

Probables: Introduction of *rents-to-mortgages scheme* to help low-income council tenants get a stake in their homes.
Maintenance of *mortage interest tax relief* at present £30,000 ceiling.
Renewed efforts to revive *private rented sector*.
Compensation for tenants who wait too long for house repairs.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Probables: New rights for *benefit claimants* to guarantee better, more civilised service.
Retention of *child benefit* as a universal payment indexed in line with inflation.
Restatement of Tory claim to be *party of the family*, but downgrading of Thatcherite attempts to find fiscal and legislative measures to shore-up traditional family unit.
Possibles: *Ombudsman* for claimants.

EUROPE

Probables: Commitment to *European ideal* but caution on political and economic union.
No imposition of single currency and no commitment to repeat the ERM exercise and sign-up to a single currency.
On political union, emphasis on tougher *enforcement of EC law* and democratic scrutiny of commission.
Opposition to common European foreign and security policy. *Insistence on Nato* as main pillar of defence with US and Canadian troops in Europe.

HOME OFFICE

Probables: Commitment to continue *fight against crime*.
Expansion of *private management* of prisons.
New *immigration curbs* to tackle problem of economic migrants.

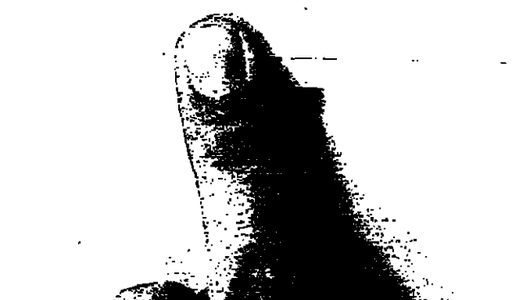
DEFENCE

Probables: Commitment to retention of independent *nuclear deterrent*.
Cutbacks in *conventional forces* in line with reduced Soviet threat.

INDUSTRY, OTHERS

Probables: *Privatisation* of Post Office parcels and counter services.
More *deregulation* of telecommunications.
Privatisation of British Coal.
Winding up energy department and transferring its North Sea duties to industry department.
More emphasis on *research and development* partnership between government and industry.
More help for *university science parks*.
Lower *business taxes* and more opening up of markets to competition.
Possibles: Ending *Royal Mail letters* monopoly.

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Baker vows to act after pit bull terrier savages girl

By Peter Davenport

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, yesterday promised government action to curb attacks by vicious dogs after a girl aged six was mauled by a pit bull terrier while walking with her family. Rucksana Khan was critically ill in a Bradford hospital last night with "horrific" head and chest injuries after she was savaged by the dog for 15 minutes.

The animal was later destroyed and its owner identified, but police said that under present legislation no charges could be brought. The attack, on Saturday evening in Manningham, West Yorkshire, is the latest in a spate involving pit bull terriers, a breed that originated in America for use in dog fighting.

Mr Baker said yesterday that he was appalled and promised government action to ensure responsible handling by owners of certain breeds. "There are real problems in banning particular breeds," he said. "If you actually ban a breed you would have to kill all the existing dogs."

The government's response to *The Control of Dogs*, a Home Office consultation paper published last year, is expected in the summer. Ministers are likely to concentrate on giving owners a firmer legal responsibility. Proposals being considered include making owners of certain breeds take out insurance for damage caused by their pets and giving magistrates greater powers to enforce muzzling of some dogs in public. The paper also outlines proposals for new criminal offences of failing to control a dog.

Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West, said he planned to ask Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, to introduce emergency legislation in the Commons, setting up a dog-registration scheme and providing emergency measures to deal with dangerous dogs, particularly those bred for dog-fighting.

Assistant Chief Constable Stephen Crossley of West Yorkshire police said that the law did not provide for making charges in cases such as the attack on Miss Khan. "The whole area of dogs being kept in this 20th-century urban environment is in need of an urgent reappraisal."

Miss Khan and her sister were out walking with Nashim Bi, their aunt, and their three young cousins when the dog attacked. Yesterday Mrs Bi, aged 30, of Bradford, said: "We were crossing the local school playing fields when the dog came out of nowhere. It ran towards all the children who were playing together and sniffed them all before picking out Rucksana. It just got hold of her in its mouth and began shaking her like a rag doll. It kept on biting her all over and smashing her head against the floor. It was evil." Mrs Bi's husband, Parwaz Akhtar, aged 34, who was alerted by one of the children, managed to prise open the dog's teeth and was also bitten. "It was more like a devil than a dog," he said.

A family friend beat the dog with an old car door but it still refused to release its grip until its jaws were forced apart. He too was taken to hospital with bites to his hand and ankle.

Superintendant Tony Horsfall of Bradford police said the owner of the dog, a woman aged 21, was walking her pet when it slipped its lead. "The dog singled out the girl for no apparent reason," he said. "It was smashing her against the ground."

The dog later ran back to its home, 200 yards away on the third floor of a block of council flats. It was cornered by four police officers who restrained it with a noose and held it down while a veterinary surgeon applied a lethal injection with the owner's consent.

Mrs Bi added: "Rucksana's face was such a mess that you could not recognise her at all. When her father saw her at the hospital he collapsed. The family is devastated. All dogs like this should be banned, there is no need for anyone to have such an animal."

● More than 60 per cent of 1,000 people contacted in a telephone poll by the *Sunday Express* want pit bull terriers and similar ferocious breeds banned. The poll, published yesterday, showed widespread support for changes in the law governing the keeping of dangerous dogs, with 84 per cent in favour of muzzling of dangerous breeds already in Britain and 92 per cent supporting special training for prospective owners.



Rucksana Khan: shaken like a rag doll

ATTACKS BY DOGS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS

Date	Victim	Injury	Breed	Result
1989 April	Kellie Lynch, 11, Dunoon, Strathclyde	Died of throat injury	Two rottweilers	Destroyed
1990 May 1	Caroline Williams, 4, Dudley, W Midlands	200 stitches in face	Rottweiler and alsatian	Not known
May 21	Heather Scott, 4, Hamilton, Lanarkshire	100 stitches ear torn	Two Staffordshire bull terriers	Destroyed
July 2	PC David Underdown, 42, Aylesford, Kent	Hand bitten	Rottweiler	Throttled
July 6	Betty McCann, 51, Lanarkshire	Leg and hands bitten	Bull mastiff	Destroyed
Oct 1	Philip Turner, 11 Didcot, Oxon	Nose bitten off - 40 stitches	Greyhound	No action
1991 Feb 3	Pensioner, 70, Sompting, Sussex	Collapsed and died	Two bull terriers	Animals not caught
Feb 18	William Roach, 58 Manchester	Bled to death	Alsatian	Destroyed
May 7	Michael Parkinson, 5, Bradford, W Yorshire	Savaged 80 stitches	Two rottweilers	Destroyed
May 8	Frank Tempest, 54, Lincoln	Face torn, multiple injuries	Two pit bull terriers	One shot, one destroyed
May 8	Natasha Thorpe, 3, Edinburgh	Face torn, 40 stitches	Collie	Destroyed
May 13	Paula Holmes, 2, Bolton	Face bitten	Pit bull terrier	Destroyed

CHRIS HARRIS



Bellyboating: Ifor Jones (above) in his float-tube, silently stalks fish at Thornton reservoir, and (below) comes ashore with the full equipment

Fishermen take tube to stalk their prey

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

FLOAT-tube fishing, also known as bellyboating, is attracting a small but growing body of devotees in Britain. They say the sport's potential is not being realised here because water authorities wrongly regard it as dangerous. In the United States, float-tubing has been popular for decades.

Those keen to try the sport will need a pair of flippers, a drysuit made of an insulating material called neoprene, a life-jacket, a 10 ft rod, a wood-handled, racquet-shaped net and an inflated rubber tube about the size of a lorry tyre fitted with a nylon seat. In the tube, the angler drifts with the current or paddles with his feet and can close up on the fish without scaring them. The sport is said to offer an intimacy with the prey unknown when angling from bank or boat.

The man credited with bringing float-tubing to the UK, is Steve Sparton, who runs a fishing tackle business at Long Eaton, Derbyshire. He got the idea on a trip to Colorado five years ago and now imports the kit. "The water authorities here are very suspicious of the sport's safety. If I sell 40 kits this year I will be doing well."

The main centre of activity in England is the Thornton reservoir, near Leicester, where the first British float-tube championships are to be held on September 13. Ifor Jones, of Cambrian Fisheries, which leases the fishing rights at Thornton, said the sport was safer than boating as long as certain rules were observed. The main one was that float-tubes should only be used on lakes, reservoirs and other still waters.



Police attack their costly conference

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

SENIOR officials of the 122,000-member Police Federation will this week criticise the union's annual conference, starting today, as too expensive and inward-looking.

With this year's gathering expected to cost up to £2 million, most of which will be met from public funds, concerted moves will be made to reduce the number of delegates and observers attending future federation conferences and to encourage debates about challenging issues facing the service.

More than 2,000 police officers will attend this year's conference in Bournemouth. The 1,033 delegates will be on full pay during the week and their travel and accommodation expenses will be met by their forces. There will also be 1,400 observers attending in their own time, but receiving financial support from local federation sections. Security costs will also be high.

The heart of the problem lies in the federation's dual role. It is a union, albeit one without the power to take industrial action, and a professional body whose members can earn more than £26,000 a year. According to an assessment by *Police Review* earlier this month, it is the union function which dominates the conference while the real world of policing is ignored.

The conference agenda is given over almost entirely to internal matters or police regulations. The magazine noted that there is one delegate for every 90 federation members, whereas other unions have one delegate for as many as 620 members.

Conference motions this year include proposals to reduce the number of delegates and to set up a working party to look at the size, scope and organisation of the whole event.

Curbs urged on speedy chases

HIGH-SPEED police chases should be allowed only for serious crimes and with senior authorisation, to stop "Steve McQueen-style chases", the Association of London Authorities says today.

Police figures for 1990 show there were 1,200 accidents during chases. Police paid £1,341,278 in compensation in 1990-91 for accidents and were wholly or partly to blame for 1,173 accidents.

Scotland Yard said officers usually did not know whether they were following a minor or serious offender and there was no time to seek authorisation.

AGENDA

The week ahead

Today: The Shopping Hours Reform Council launches petition for deregulation. Kurds who occupied Iraqi embassy in London appear in court.
Tomorrow: Neil Kinnock, Jack Cunningham and Glenda Jackson launch Labour's plan for London. Conservationists begin campaign to end trade in wild birds. Billy Graham starts Scottish tour.
Wednesday: Malcolm Rifkind opens M20 from Maidstone to Ashford.
Thursday: Parliament begins spring recess. Prince of Wales unveils plan for the Paternoster development at St Paul's Cathedral. Chelsea flower show opens to public.
Friday: TUC announces charter for carers, and the Liberal Democrats introduce environmental campaigns team. Polly Peck creditors meet.
Saturday: Friends of the Earth cycle from Crystal Palace to Hever Castle in Kent. Rally to save whales at Trafalgar Square.
Sunday: Bell-ringers commemorate their centenary at Westminster Abbey.

Gas complaints rise by 2%

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

AN ADVERTISING campaign by British Gas using the slogan "Banishing Gripes" has a hollow ring. The Gas Consumers Council received 21,435 complaints from the company's customers in 1990, a 2 per cent increase on the previous year. The council said the mild winter should have led to a fall.

The most common causes of enquiries to the council's 12 regional offices were gas bills and estimated accounts. The council's annual report, published today, says that backs its campaign for bills more easily understood.

The council recovered £316,695 in compensation and rebates for gas consumers. It also recorded a sharp increase, albeit from a low base, in complaints about companies other than British Gas which supply, service or install gas appliances.

James Cooper, the council chairman, makes plain in his report that British Gas's performance in relation to consumer standards still falls far short of what he expects. "There are few customers who gripe and all too many who have justified complaints."

Mr Cooper says smaller industrial customers still lack the benefits of choice between suppliers because British Gas's rivals have too little gas available. He urges the government to promote a cross-channel pipeline, linking Britain with the continental gas grid and enabling new supplies to be tapped.

Scots carving 'proves Guinevere lived'

By Kerry Gill

AN AMERICAN professor says she has finally proved the existence of Queen Guinevere, consort of the legendary King Arthur.

Professor Norma Goodrich has spent 20 years researching one of Britain's most powerful fables. Today Burke's Peerage will disclose her interpretation of figures and symbols on a funeral stone in a Scottish churchyard, said to show that Guinevere was no figment of Roman-British imagination.

Professor Goodrich said that medieval manuscripts indicated that the true story of Arthur and Guinevere had been written on stones. The problem was finding the stones. After two decades searching, she described her excitement on discovering a stone taken from a churchyard at Meigle, a Tayside village close to Roman sites.

On one side were symbols that appeared to have been re-worked, which might explain why some experts believed they were carved in the 7th century; Guinevere is thought to have died in the 6th century. On the other side of the stone, Professor Goodrich found what she became convinced was the story alluded to by medieval scholars.

It was a reference, carved during the 16th century, to a triptych in which three slabs of stone were linked by mortice and tenon joints. It appeared that the stone studied by Professor Goodrich could have been part of the triptych. Burke's Peerage said the stone bore the only ancient representation of Arthur, the wizard Merlin and Guinevere, who is depicted as an angel.

Professor Goodrich said she was shown an earth mound near the church entrance where the stone is thought to have lain originally. It may have covered the site where Guinevere was buried. The stone is kept in a women's museum in Meigle churchyard.

Professor Goodrich also claims to have found the site of Arthur's burial at the village of Arthuret on the River Esk, north of Carlisle.



Holy queen: Guinevere (centre) at the nunnery to which she withdrew after Arthur's death in battle

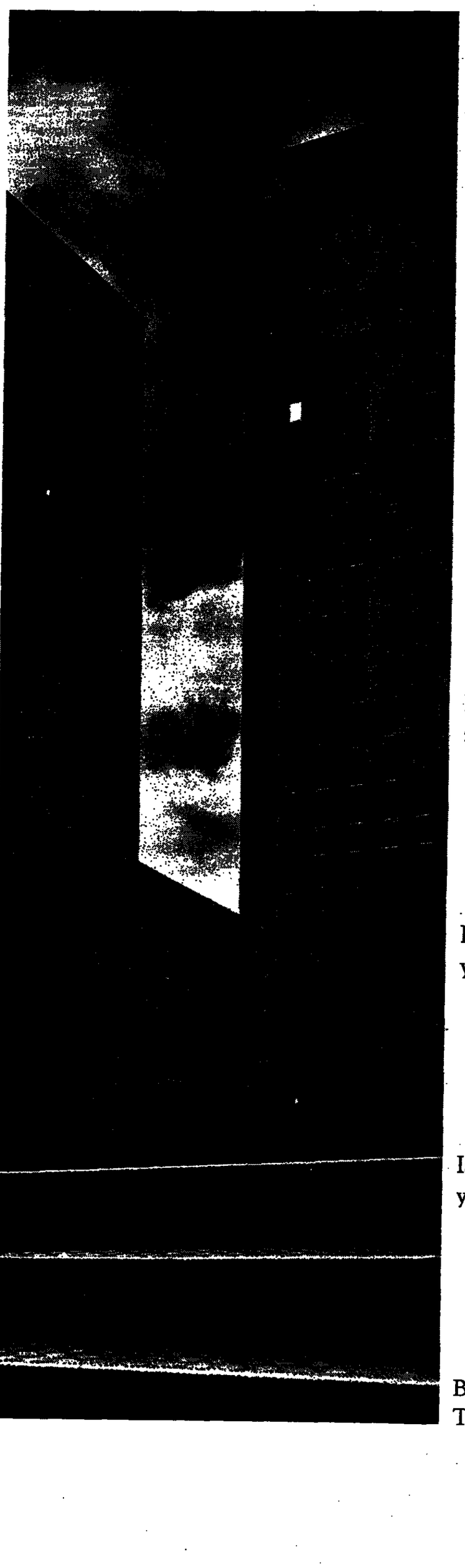


Story in stone: the carvings said to show Guinevere as an angel (top left) alongside the king

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Air travellers snub dearer fares in business class

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRLINES are forcing up business-class fares to such levels that even the wealthiest companies are ordering their executives to boycott them.

In the past 12 months, transatlantic business-class fares have risen by 25 per cent and have almost doubled in the past four, pushing the price of a return ticket to New York to £2,122. This is almost ten times the price of the cheapest economy fare – £225.

Business travellers in Britain – where air travel at around £6 billion a year now accounts for six per cent of all business costs – have been harder hit than their European counterparts. While a single business-class fare from Heathrow to New York costs £1,061, a comparable ticket from Paris – about the same distance – is £849 and, from Frankfurt, £786.

"The airlines have created their own problem by milking what they regarded as the captive business market," said John Cox, chairman of the Air Transport Users Committee.

Bill Kirkwood, sales director for Thomas Cook, which books thousands of business flights each week, said: "The number of first and club bookings is down overall by around 40 per cent. The same number of people are flying, because they have to, but many big corporations which used to send all their executives in first or club are now insisting that everyone travels in economy."

The drift into the cheaper sections is worrying airlines who have come to rely heavily on business-class passengers to improve their overall yield.

In an effort to increase passengers, airlines introduced a wide range of cut-price fares during the boom years of the late-1970s and 1980s, which raised expectations of cheaper air travel for all. This resulted in crowded aircraft cabins.

The answer, it seemed, was to create a separate cabin between first and economy for full-fare-paying businessmen. It played shamelessly on the desire for status with free drinks, wider seats, slightly more leg room and a higher standard of food and service. The concept quickly caught on and soon some flights were carrying well over half their passengers in business class.

The greater yields also meant that fares in economy could be held steady, or even cut. The cheapest round-trip ticket from Heathrow to New York, for example, is now £10 less than it was last year. As costs rose, however, the industry's solution was to raise business-class fares. Now, the combination of a fierce worldwide recession and a dramatic drop in passengers because of the Gulf war has burst the bubble.



TONY WHITE

Light relief: Maurice Woodford, of Stratford-upon-Avon, takes time off from preparing a display of lupins, one of the exhibits at the at the 78th Chelsea Flower Show, which opens tomorrow and runs until Friday (Alan Toogood writes).

A feature of this year's show will be exhibits of special interest to the elderly and disabled. Among the 29 outdoor landscaped gardens, the highest number at Chelsea in recent years, is one for blind and partially-sighted people, as well as a therapeutic garden from the Muscular Dystrophy Group and a communal garden for the elderly by Help the Aged.

The outdoor displays include a woodland garden from *The Sunday Times*, wildlife gardens created by John Chambers' Wild Flower Seeds, of Northamptonshire, and Fisons, of Suffolk, pine town gardens by Highfield Nurseries, Gloucestershire, and the Townswomen's Guild of Birmingham.

Plants from all over the world will be exhibited in the three-and-a-half acres of marquees. Some exhibits are on the grand scale, including a display of foliage and flowering plants from the City of Birmingham; plants for sunny gardens, displayed by Cannington College, of Somerset; trees and shrubs from Hillier Nurseries, Hampshire; a parterre created by the National Trust for Scotland; annuals and tender perennials, based on a cottage garden theme, from the royal parks, London; and carpet bedding depicting Gryff the Welsh dragon by the Borough of Torbay in partnership with the Garden Festival, Wales.

The smaller specialist stands range from carnivorous plants, bonsai, cacti and orchids to more general displays of hardy perennials, shrubs, bulbs and alpines, with exotic colour from numerous overseas exhibitors. There will be many rose exhibits, with dozens of new varieties being launched at the show.

Opening times: tomorrow and Wednesday, from 8am to 8pm, for private viewing by Royal Horticultural Society members. Thursday, 8am to 8pm, £16 for full-day ticket or £7 after 4pm. Friday, 8am to 5pm, £13. For credit-card bookings telephone 071-735 6199. The show information line, 071-828 1744 (24 hours), provides admission details.

Enquiry urged over InterCity fare rises

By MICHAEL DYNES

INTERCITY'S "savage price hikes" for long-distance season tickets should be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the Western England train users committee says in its annual report today.

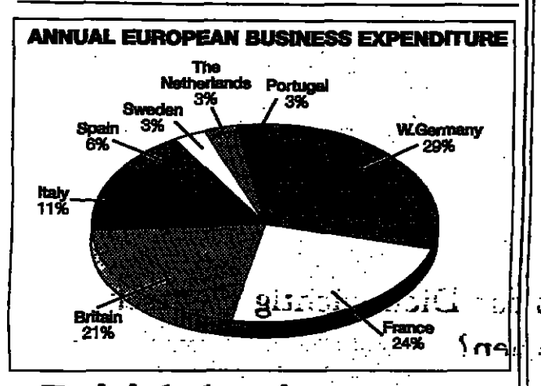
The government-appointed watchdog accuses InterCity of exploiting its quasi-monopoly position to extract price rises substantially above inflation.

Commuters to London from Bristol and Taunton are paying heavily and have no real alternative to trains for daily travel, the report says.

The committee urges InterCity to provide a series of park and ride facilities 30 miles outside London so that commuters could have the choice of travelling to work on the national motorway system, and then completing the final leg of their journey by rail.

Complaints about train connections throughout the region were up 82 per cent compared with the previous year, and complaints about fares rose 57 per cent. Complaints about station facilities and information about rail services had also increased, the report says. Regional railways continue to offer "a mish-mash of style and standards", overcrowding and discomfort are widespread and more investment in new equipment is needed, the committee says.

Western England Transport Users Consultative Committee: annual report (Tower House, Fairfax Street, Bristol BS1 3BN).



British businessmen among big spenders

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE average British businessman spends £8,275 a year on travel and entertaining, making him one of Europe's big spenders, according to a Visa International survey of eight countries.

The British businessmen spent more per head than any of their European rivals on entertainment (£2,132 per year), rail travel (£803) and car hire (£80).

The West Germans spent marginally more on hotels, but Britons and West Germans together spent more on hotel bills than all the other European countries combined. The Germans, like the Dutch and Portuguese, spent more on hotels abroad than they did in their home country. Three-fifths of the Britons' hotel bills were incurred in Britain.

The British also economise when it comes to air travel. Whereas the West Germans, French, Spanish and Portuguese reckon eight business flights per annum, the British, like the Italians, check in for only six. British businessmen spend £2,663 a year each on air travel, three quarters of the amount spent by the West Germans or the Dutch. The Briton's £1,237 a year on petrol was four-fifths of the average Italian fuel bill.

Compared to the men, British businesswomen live comparatively modest lives. In total they spend only about half as much as their counterparts in France and Germany.

In all eight countries there were three times as many men incurring business expenditure as women and women had disproportionately small expenses.

BUSINESS EXPENDITURE ON ENTERTAINING

Country	Expenditure (in £million)
W Germany	5,203
France	4,276
GB	3,727
Italy	2,008
Spain	1,140
Sweden	641
Holland	602
Portugal	582
Total	28,732

Joint first chess victory for Watson

WILLIAM Watson, the grandmaster from Streatham, south London, has scored the greatest triumph of his life by sharing first prize in the Watson, Farley & Williams City of London chess challenge (Raymond Keene writes).

The competition ended early on Saturday morning after a marathon last round game of 109 moves between Keith Arkell of Derby and grandmaster Mihai Suba of Sunderland. Watson, aged 29, has been on the fringes of the English elite for some time, but this result is a true breakthrough for him.

As a schoolboy, he led the St Paul's school (London) chess team which several times won the British Schools Championship sponsored by *The Times*. In 1988, he was in the English Olympic team which won silver medals, coming second to the Russians.

Before the City of London Challenge began, grandmaster Alexander Halifman, Watson's co-victor, was the heavy favourite.

Freed IRA man held in Canada

FORMER IRA activist Robert Russell, whose conviction and 20-year jail sentence for attempting to murder a police superintendent was overturned three months ago, has been arrested trying to start a new life in Canada.

A Canadian immigration spokesman said Russell, aged 33, of Belfast, was sentenced in 1981 and escaped in a mass breakout from the Maze prison in 1983. His extradition from Eire to continue his sentence after being arrested in Dublin in 1988 sparked riots in Northern Ireland.

Canada allows in people with criminal records only in special circumstances, and immigration authorities arrested Russell when he arrived at Toronto's international airport. He told a closed immigration hearing that his conviction for attempted murder had been quashed, and that his only other conviction was for escaping from jail. He is being released on bail pending a full hearing.

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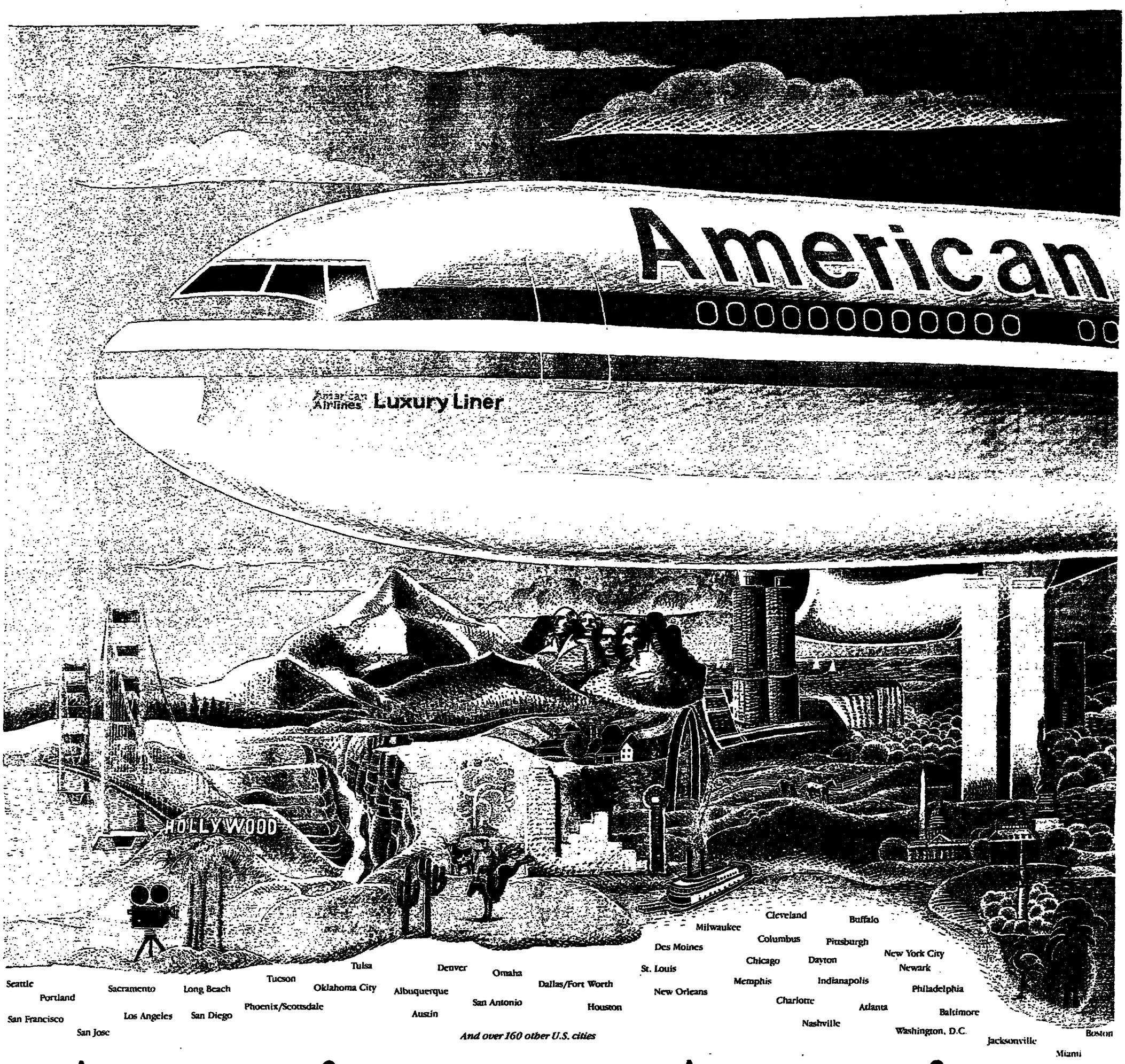
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More funds urged for 'neglected' epileptics

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

EPILEPSY costs Britain £500 million a year yet is neglected by the NHS and enjoys little research support, according to a report today from the Office of Health Economics.

Few specialist epilepsy centres exist, even though 250,000 people in Britain suffer from it. Compared with diabetes, which has a comparable number of sufferers, less than a tenth as much is spent on research. Epileptics suffer from a range of social, legal and employment difficulties, but too little is done to make their lives easier.

The report, *Epilepsy – towards tomorrow*, suggests that costs could be reduced and lives improved if there were an increase in specialist centres for treating epilepsy. Such centres can provide training as well as ensuring that patients receive the right drugs. They can also help to ensure that the patients take the drugs, since failing to do so is one of the commonest reasons why epileptic seizures are not controlled.

More research funding is needed. At present the spending on diabetes research is equal to more than £13 per patient, while for epilepsy it is little more than £1.

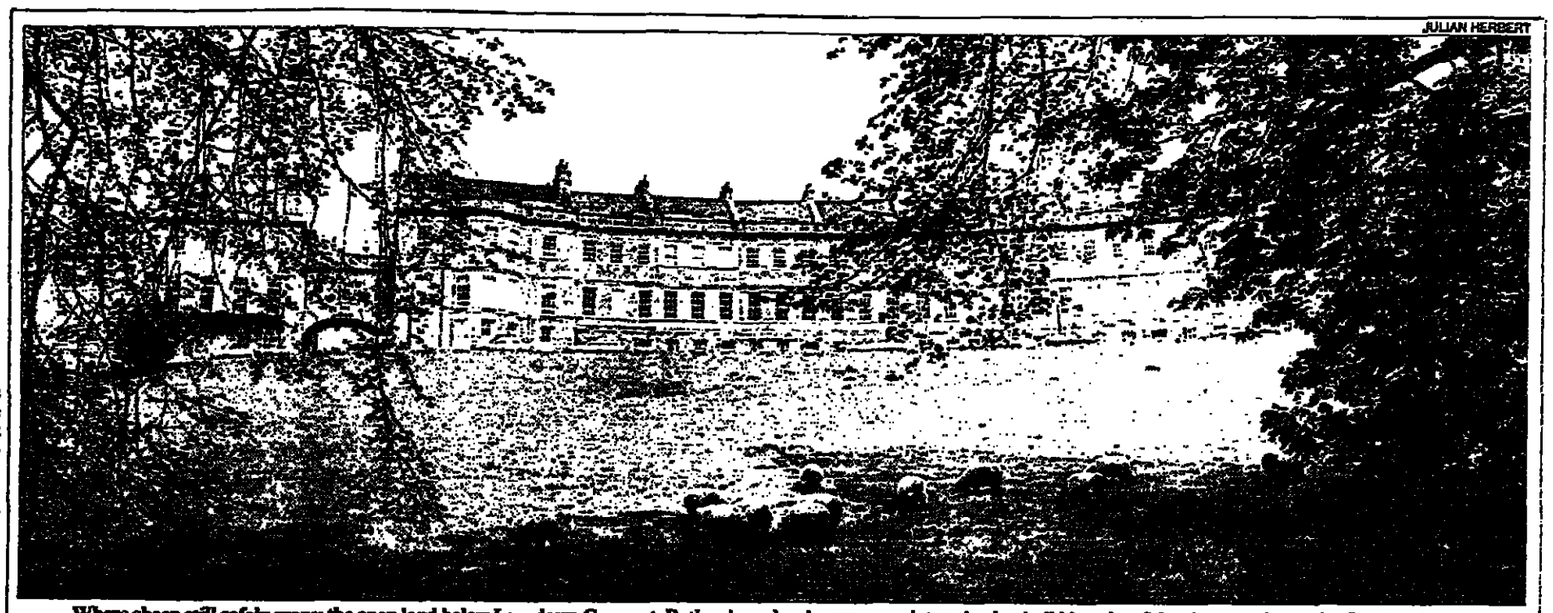
The stigma attached to epilepsy, once thought to be the result of possession by the devil, persists in spite of the modern understanding of the disease. Few sufferers are willing to admit openly that they have the condition, fearing that if they do they will be shunned or will lose the opportunity of a job. Surveys show that only one in ten sufferers disclose their disability, many referring instead to "dizzy spells", "attacks" or "seizures".

The law also discriminates against epilepsy by classifying it as a disease of the mind. This means that any act committed during or after a seizure is held to be the result of insane automatism, and individuals must be found not guilty by reason of insanity and committed to a mental institution for a minimum of six months.

As a result, many epilepsy sufferers prefer to plead guilty. Recently one young man charged with criminal damage during a seizure pleaded guilty in order to avoid committal; he was fined £100 and lost his job. The report urges a change in the law to widen the range of options open to the judge in such cases.

Better anti-convulsant drugs may be available in the future, but a change in social and medical attitudes in needed so that sufferers no longer feel the need to conceal their condition, the report says.

JULIAN HERBERT



Where sheep still safely graze: the open land below Lansdown Crescent, Bath, where developers seem determined to build in spite of the city council and the Court of Appeal

Bath fights back as developers nibble at its woods and fields

By JOHN YOUNG

FROM the golf course overlooking Bath, Major Tony Crombie, vice-chairman of the Bath Society, was pointing out features of interest. A golfer, evidently suspecting we were surveyors, or land agents, approached and asked: "You're not going to ruin all this for us, are you?" His tone was friendly, but the question indicated the concern of many Bathonians at the continuing threat to their incomparable city. Bath's beauty depends not just on its Georgian buildings, squares, terraces and crescents but on its green spaces, hills and woods.

Bath's attraction as a place to live and work however creates intense pressure for building land that has continued since the 1960s when developers destroyed and rebuilt parts of the central area. At that time many historic buildings were decaying, a large area was blighted by Sir Colin Buchanan's proposal for a road scheme with a tunnel under the centre, and comprehensive redevelopment was seen as the way ahead.

Since then public opinion has swung decisively in favour of conservation, and the city council has supported a successful programme to restore and protect the architectural heritage. Its efforts were crowned in 1987 by UNESCO's designation of Bath as a World Heritage site. In June last year the council went further by publishing a plan stressing its commitment to protecting and enhancing the historic landscape.

But the developers appear determined to fight on. Last February they suffered a setback when the Court of Appeal quashed a decision by Nicholas Ridley, then environment secretary, to allow a block of flats to be built on open hillside below Lansdown Crescent, but the future of the immediately adjoining site is still in question.

On the other side of the city a scheme to build three houses on Bathwick Hill, equally strongly opposed by the council, is the subject of a planning enquiry. Major Crombie believes that, if consent were given, it would lead to a flood of applications to build on fields and woodlands in the city's fringes. The cumulative effect could be disastrous, he says.

Heads win victory on testing

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers today registered a victory in their campaign to prevent the publication of league tables of schools from the results of national curriculum tests for seven-year-olds.

Two months ago, the National Association of Head Teachers advised its members to divulge the results of standard assessment tasks only to parents, for fear of local authorities or the government publishing comparisons of individual schools. The association said that the character of the tests and the variety of educational experience among pupils would make such exercises misleading.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, agreed to stand by the guarantee given by John MacGregor, his predecessor, not to insist on publication this year, but said: "Once the tests are established, the public must reject the advice of the NAHT that head teachers should be allowed to keep the results in their own schools secret."

Now the education department has written to all schools conducting the tests, assuring them that the identities of schools will be restricted to civil servants compiling national statistics. In a new circular to primary heads today, the NAHT has advised members to secure written guarantees that their local authorities intend to follow the department's policy on confidentiality before giving the results of the tests.

Vocational studies need image boost

MINISTERS face an uphill task in trying to raise the status of vocational education, according to academics at Manchester university (John O'Leary writes).

In one of two white papers to be launched by the prime minister this afternoon, the government will announce a revamp of qualifications for the over 16s. One of the main aims is to provide a route into higher education parallel to A-levels.

But a report published yesterday by Professor Alan Smithers and his staff at Manchester university's school of education suggests that vocational qualifications are seen as second best. Most of those entering higher education by this route do so because they were unsuccessful at school, and vocational education continues to suffer from "a major status problem", with students lagging behind A-level entrants on degree courses.

Today's white paper on further education and the 16-to-19 age group is expected to propose retaining A-levels but offer a more streamlined range of vocational qualifications to encourage more pupils to stay on in schools and colleges. A separate paper on higher education will encourage universities and polytechnics to increase access to their courses by admitting students from a wider variety of backgrounds.

The higher education white paper will also signal the end of the "binary line" dividing universities from other institutions. Polytechnics will be able to award their own degrees.

'£½m phone fraud'

Up to 20 overseas students, who are alleged to have made global calls worth £500,000 free from a call box are to appear before magistrates in Canterbury today, accused of illegally abstracting electricity from a phone on the University of Kent campus.

The students are said to have made the free calls by using a multi-frequency tone pad, intended to interrogate answerphone machines remotely. A Malaysian student was conditionally discharged but ordered to pay more than £500 in costs and compensation at Canterbury last month.

Helicopter dash

A seaman aged 50 died in hospital in Brighton yesterday after he was taken by helicopter from a Yugoslavian bulk carrier 28 miles out in the English Channel. The man, who is believed to have fallen, had serious head injuries.

House threat

A man was arrested after a 21-tonne digger was driven through a brick wall and straight at a house in Weymouth, Dorset, yesterday following a domestic dispute.

Flushed out

Firemen saved the life of a tom-cat stuck in a sewer pipe by flushing him through the system with their hoses at Worksop, Nottinghamshire, after Dominic Clarke, aged seven, heard his cries. "He was just a whisker away from death," a fireman said.

Appeal for calm

Community leaders in Bradford, West Yorkshire, appealed for calm yesterday after vandals damaged a Muslim cemetery and a youth was stabbed after about 30 Asians surrounded the car of four white youths with their cars.

Pilot dies

A pilot aged 59 died yesterday when his light aircraft crashed during aerobatics over a flying club airstrip outside Wasing, near Aldermaston, Berkshire.

Broadmoor shop

A supermarket for Broadmoor patients opens today inside the top security hospital at Crowthorne, Berkshire.

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Yeltsin faces tough fight as general partners Ryzhkov

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin looks set to face a contest for the presidency of the Russian Federation if the first direct presidential elections are held as scheduled on June 12. When nominations closed on Saturday night, five opponents had declared, representing the spectrum of Soviet political opinion.

The most serious threat to Mr Yeltsin comes from the former Soviet prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, who has strengthened his challenge by naming 48-year-old Viktor Gromov as his running mate. Colonel-General Gromov, who commanded Soviet forces in Afghanistan, has been seconded from his new post of deputy Soviet interior minister for the campaign. He presents an ideal foil to Mr Ryzhkov, who is regarded as a "very nice man" but perhaps a little too reluctant to make harsh leadership decisions. His heart attack last year reinforced that impression.

Mr Yeltsin appeared to recognise the dangers of the Ryzhkov-Gromov challenge by nominating Colonel Aleksandr Rutskoi as his running-mate, a 44-year-old air force pilot, hero of Afghanistan and reformist communist. That Mr Yeltsin thus sought to attract support from liberal communists and reform-minded sections of the military is a comment on the Russian voters' conservatism.

Representing opinion more radical than Mr Yeltsin is Lev Ubozhko, a former political prisoner who is standing for "the market, private property and competition". His running mate is the director of a joint-venture company. At the other extreme is General Nikolai Makashov, who 18 months ago publicly blamed President Gorbachev for "losing eastern Europe" and weakening Soviet defences.

The fifth candidate is Vladimir Zhirinovsky, nominated by the Liberal-Democratic party but also a leading light of the strange, and possibly KGB-backed, Centrist Bloc. A latecomer to the race was Vadim Bakatin, former Soviet interior minister, a Gorbachev-style centrist who is a member of the president's security council.

While Mr Yeltsin's popularity seems to assure him of victory, Mr Ryzhkov, backed by the communist propaganda machine and complemented by the "hard man", General Gromov, could run him close.

Some believe the Communist party's backing for Mr Ryzhkov could prove a liability. Others think that Mr Ryzhkov will attract votes in the countryside and more conservative industrial regions of the Russian Federation. His natural supporters are those who regard Mr Yeltsin's radicalism as a threat to their well-being: workers worried about unemployment or downgrading of their jobs; government and party officials; and non-Russians.

Last week the Soviet prime minister, Valentin Paviov, said that he would vote for Mr Ryzhkov, but reckoned he would lose.



Champion form: Boris Yeltsin, leader of the Russian Republic and a candidate for the new post of executive president, takes a break during a tennis game in Moscow

Sombre mood as Croatians go to the polls

From TIM JUDAH IN KARLOVAC, CROATIA

CROATIANS went to the polls yesterday under leaden skies, and for people about to take their destiny into their own hands and confirm their leadership's drive for a "sovereign and independent" state, voting was a sombre affair.

In Karlovac, a small industrial town 30 minutes' drive from Zagreb, the capital, Croatian flags flew everywhere while orderly lines of voters formed. Few, if any, were casting their ballots against an independent state, linked to other republics of Yugoslavia only as countries within the European Community are linked. However, a quarter of Karlovac's population are estimated to be Serbs and many, if not most of them, were not voting.

Nine months since the electoral triumph of Croatia's nationalists, led by Franjo Tudjman, the mood is a mix of euphoria and despair. The republic fears disintegration as rebel Serbs carve out an area, called Krajina, which they voted a week ago to unify with Serbia.

Croatia has been humiliated in that, rather than accede to Stipe Mesic becoming president, Serbia has destroyed the state's collective leadership. Many Croats are convinced that amid the demise of the old Yugoslavia, Serbians plan to create a greater Serbia, at their expense.

Road signs on the way to Vhanic, a predominantly Serbian village 20 miles south of Karlovac, have been sprayed with the words "Serbia" and "Krajina". Last week Vhanic and other villages in the area voted for union with Serbia. Yesterday Serbian flags hung in the village, the town hall was shut and a spent bullet lay on the steps of the court building. There were no signs to indicate that anyone who wanted to vote in Croatia's referendum could do so there. In an upstairs room Ninko Miric sat alone behind two cardboard ballot boxes he had made. He said: "The town hall refused to organise the referendum, and they asked me as president of the court if I would do so. So far 18 out of the area's 6,199 voters have cast their ballots."

A Serbo-Croat couple came into vote. They refused to answer any questions. "They may be scared," said Mr Miric, a a Serb. Asked if he had been harassed because he organised the poll, he shrugged, smiled and said: "No comment."

A group of men nearby said: "If Croatia becomes independent we have already voted to join Mother Serbia." They said during the war facist Croatian troops had murdered a third of the area's population. Women and children had been burnt alive in the local church. "We are preparing to fight."

In Karlovac's polling station 13, Dragan Djakovic said he thought most of Croatia's 600,000 Serbs thought like him, and did not think that the rebels from Krajina represented the majority.

● **WASHINGTON**: The Bush administration, reacting to a pattern of human rights violations, has cut off economic aid to Yugoslavia as the country faces renewed unrest between ethic groups (Susan Ellicott writes). Publicly, the White House supports a united and democratic Yugoslavia, but the action follows congressional approval six months ago of a law requiring an end to American aid unless the country's record improved. US aid was first channelled into Yugoslavia in 1952 to help shore up its resistance to Stalinism.

Albanian talks fail to end strike

Vienna — Members of Albania's parliament had more than seven hours of unsuccessful talks with strike leaders after an appeal by President Alia, who said the action would have grave consequences for the economy, ATA, the state news agency, reported yesterday.

Trade union representatives also met Fatos Nano, the prime minister, and other ministers on Saturday.

The strike was called last Thursday by the Independent Trade Union Federation to press a 50 per cent pay claim and other demands. *(AP)*

Bombing claim

Marseilles — The National Front for the Liberation of Corsica, a separatist organisation, has claimed responsibility for bombs that damaged the offices of a building company here and wrecked an education ministry office in the Corsican town of Bastia, police said. *(Reuter)*

Gypsy attacks

Bucharest — The Romanian government has opened an enquiry into violence in which villagers burned down or demolished at least 40 gypsy homes over the past month. Local policemen and officials in the Bolintin area, 18 miles from Bucharest, are to be dismissed and replaced after the clashes there. *(Reuter)*

Jail riot ended

Matamoros — Mexican police said they were in full control of an overcrowded state prison here after 19 inmates were killed in a riot triggered by a clash between rival drug gangs. The jail was still cordoned off by anti-riot police and troops. *(Reuter)*

Walesa faces rough time from Israelis

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

PRESIDENT Walesa travels to Israel today in an attempt to shed his image as an anti-semitic politician and to build new bridges between Warsaw and Tel Aviv. But despite evident goodwill on both sides, Mr Walesa is in for a rough ride on a range of issues, including the continuing sale of Polish weapons to Arab countries.

A recent opinion poll commissioned by the American Jewish Committee and the US human rights group Freedom House showed that anti-semitism in Poland was the strongest of all the central European countries. Jews were listed among the groups threatening reform by 16 per cent of Poles, 9 per cent of Czechoslovaks and 5 per cent of Hungarians.

Forty per cent of Poles, 23 per cent of Czechoslovaks and 16 per cent of Hungarians said they would rather not have a Jew as a neighbour. It must be said that the Poles displayed a similar neighbourly attitude towards Arabs and Russians.

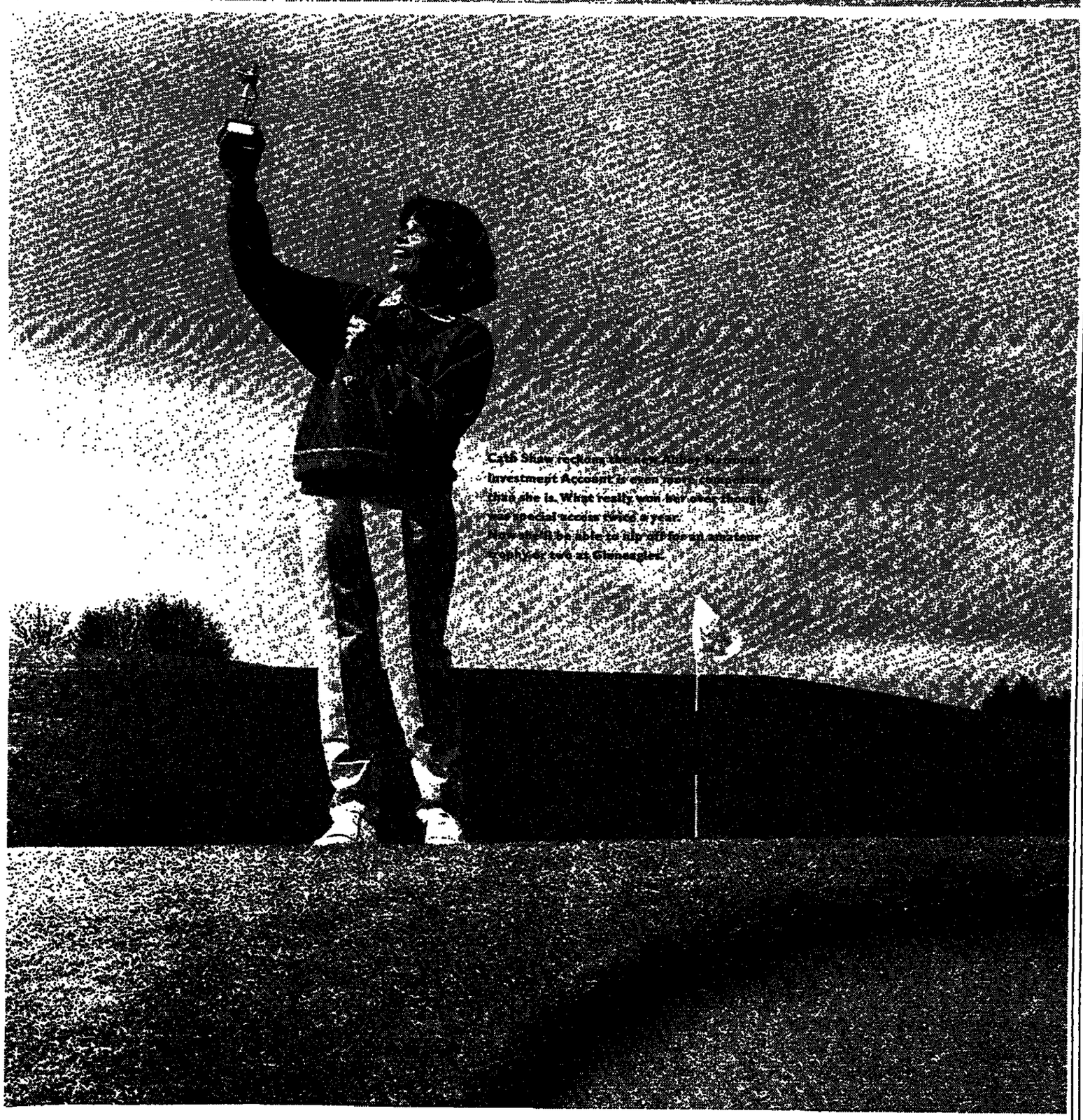
None of this will come as a surprise to Israelis whose prime minister, Yitzak Shamir, is on record as saying that "Poles suck in antisemitism with their mothers' milk". President Walesa did little to help in his election campaign when he spoke of himself as a "true" (that is, non-Jewish) Pole and tolerated the anti-semitic bawling of his supporters.

Since his election he has tried to put things right. He is visiting Israel before Germany, the Soviet Union and most other European countries. During his visits to France, and especially the United States, he made a point of talking at length with representatives of the Jewish communities. If some of his statements were muddled — "I would be a Jew myself if only it were possible" he said in America — he made a genuine attempt to improve his image and make amends.

However, President Walesa's under-secretary of state, Arkadiusz Rybicki, said before the visit that the Polish leader had no intention of prostrating himself in Israel. Anti-semitism in Poland was only a marginal phenomemen, he told reporters, and the president wanted to keep a sense of proportion.

The president will be seeking Israeli investment in Poland and, to loosen purse strings, he is expected to make a potentially huge offer of compensation to all Jews who lost property during and after the second world war. The compensation would come in the form of share vouchers in newly privatised companies, but even so the scope of the operation would be immensely complicated and expensive. Some three million Jews lived in Poland before the war. Now there are barely 5,000. One state visit is not enough to reverse so many decades of prejudice and perceived wrongs.

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Biggest democracy braced for its bloodiest poll

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BANGALORE, KARNATAKA

HARDLINE Hindu revivalists are poised to become a force in Indian politics in the election for which polling begins today. Muslims, fearful of growing religious intolerance, view the prospect with alarm.

The authorities have deployed 1.5 million police and paramilitary troops to prevent violence during the election, the country's tenth since independence and threatening to become its bloodiest.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) propounds a Hindu nationalism that could change the face of Indian society. All the indications are that it will perform strongly in parts of the northern Hindi-speaking heartland, particularly in the key state of Uttar Pradesh. It seems certain to improve substantially on its tally of 86 MPs in the last 544-member Lok Sabha (lower house), and could emerge as the second biggest party.

Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party is bound to capture most seats. The main question is whether it will gain an outright majority. The National Front, a coalition of communists and other left-of-centre groups, is also likely to make a significant impact.

If there is another hung parliament, India could face prolonged instability. The experiment with coalition government during the past 18 months has produced economic stagnation and political disorder.

The rise of the BJP and the declining authority of Congress (I) have been the hallmarks of the election. Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the former prime minister and leader of the Janata Dal Party, the main element in the National Front alliance, has apparently failed to build a unified alliance of Muslims, backward castes and tribes. Many Muslims look likely to return to Congress (I), believing this will stem the advance of the BJP.

Lal Krishna Advani, the BJP's leader, is a lifelong member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the extremist Hindu organisation that Nehru dubbed the Indian version of fascism and which inspired the assas



Advani: lifelong member of Indian 'fascists'



Gandhi: his party likely to win more seats

sin of Mahatma Gandhi. As a young man Mr Advani was secretary of the group's Karachi branch. M.J. Akbar, a former newspaper editor and until recently a Congress (I) spokesman, said recently: "Hitler had the Jews, Advani has the Muslims."

The tilt to the right marks a change in Indian politics. Congress (I) has abandoned its commitment to Fabian socialism and undertaken cautiously to open up the economy through foreign competition and privatisation. The BJP has a similar economic platform.

Assessments by the main parties agree with last-minute opinion polls indicating another hung parliament. A few polls do give Congress (I) a small outright majority. Most put the BJP in second place, followed by the National Front. Congress has clearly lost its special place as the movement that won independence.

The halt-the-BJP movement has turned into something of a crusade among India's 110 million Muslims. Religious tension is extremely high, largely because of the activities of the BJP, the RSS and another hardline sister party, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

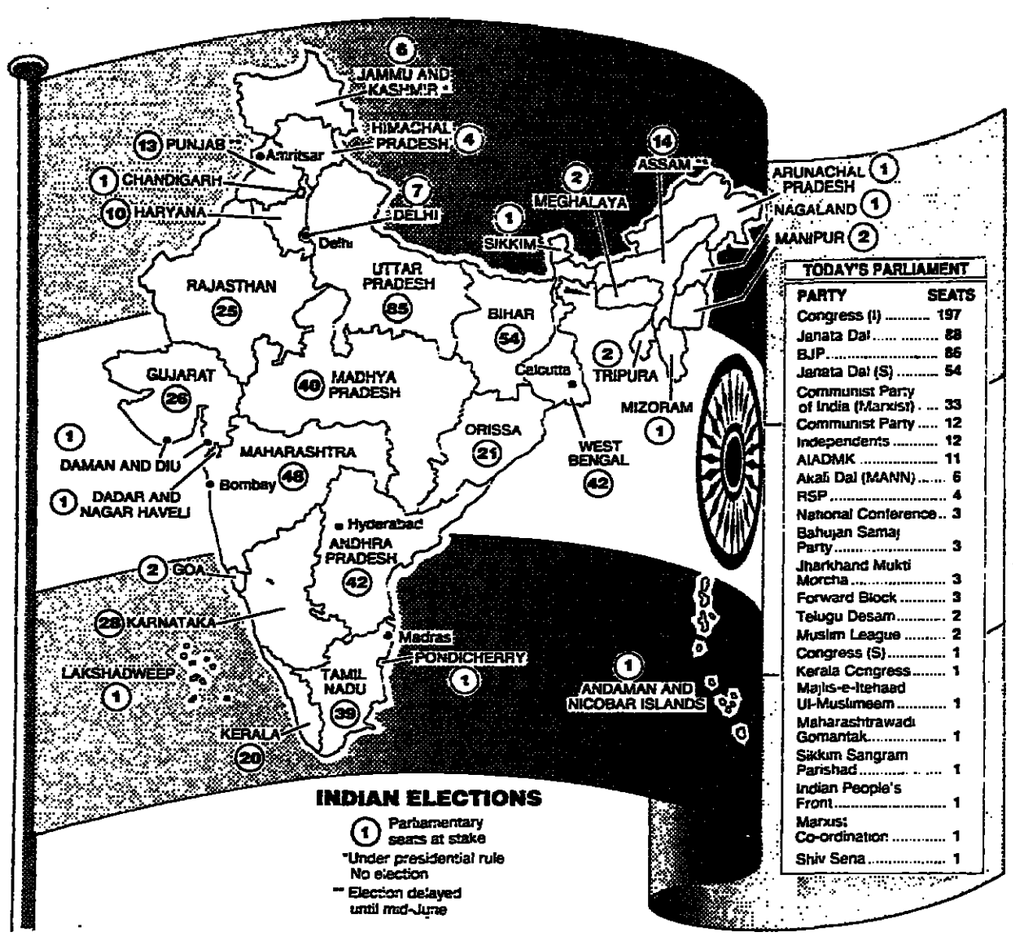
Hindu-Muslim disputes pervade every level of daily life. Hindus resent the Muslims' high birth rate, their polygamy, their killing of cows and their affinity with Pakistan. "Are they Indians first or Muslims first?" is a common taunt.

Muslims, in turn, complain about the ritual breaking of coconuts at public events on the ground that this is a Hindu tradition and violates the constitutional commitment to secularism. They say they are underrepresented in nearly all institutions and are disproportionately poor.

The election campaign has reflected political polarisation between northern and southern India. The south invariably defies the north. When the north turned against Indira Gandhi in 1977, the south voted for her. The same happened in 1989 when Rajiv Gandhi was routed in the north but swept the south. This time the southern states — Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala — may turn back to traditional regional parties while the north turns to Congress (I) and the BJP.

The election has brought India to a crossroads where it faces grave threats from discredited economic policies, tension between castes, religious disputes, separatism in Punjab and Kashmir, a booming birth rate and openly corrupt politicians. Although economic expansion in the 1980s created a middle class of more than 150 million, four times that number live in or on the borderline of poverty. Unless a stable government can be formed, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank may find it difficult to bail out the world's biggest democracy.

● Alcohol ban: India has imposed a national ban on the sale of alcohol in an attempt to curb bloodshed during the elections that have already cost the lives of at least 100 people (Reuter reports). An announcement that the ban would last up to 12 days in some areas prompted a run on stocks and record sales of bootleg liquor. In Bombay, panic-buying erupted after what the *National Herald* newspaper said was a surprise announcement of a 12-day "dry" period.



TODAY'S PARLIAMENT

PARTY	SEATS
Congress (I)	197
Janata Dal	88
BJP	86
Janata Dal (S)	54
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	33
Communist Party	12
Independents	12
AIADMK	11
Akali Dal (MANN)	6
RSP	4
National Conference	3
Bahujan Samaj Party	3
Jharkhand Mukti Morcha	3
Forward Block	3
Telugu Desam	2
Muslim League	2
Congress (S)	1
Kerala Congress	1
Majlis-e-Ittehaad Ul-Muslimeam	1
Maharashtrawadi Gomantak	1
Sikkim Sangram Parishad	1
Indian People's Front	1
Marxist Co-ordination	1
Shiv Sena	1

Phased voting benefits security

INDIA goes to the polls today, on Thursday and on Sunday to vote 537 MPs into the Lok Sabha (Christopher Thomas writes).

The world's biggest electorate of 514 million people has 9,107 candidates to choose from, excluding the Speaker and six seats that will remain vacant in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The authorities say secessionist violence makes the election impossible there.

Today's round of voting covers 205 constituencies. Counting begins next Monday. The staggered polling means security forces can move from region to region for each election day. June 5 is the deadline for the new government to be sworn in.

Voting in the violent states of Punjab and Assam, both under direct rule from Delhi, is being separated from that in the rest of India. This will allow time for additional security to be set up. Assam is due to vote on June 6 and 8, Punjab on June 22. The incoming government will have the option of cancelling the Punjab election.

The three main contenders are the Congress (I) party, led by Rajiv Gandhi, which has ruled for most of the 44 years of independence, the Bharatiya Janata Party, a right-wing Hindu organisation which criticises appeasement of Muslims, and the National Front, a left-of-centre coalition whose main constituent is the Janata Dal party.

Roh battles to stem the rising tide of protest

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the death of a young woman protester, President Roh Tae Woo faces his toughest political week with growing demands for him to dismiss the prime minister.

The depth of the popular discontent which has so far cost the lives of seven people who set themselves on fire was seen in further confrontations across the country over the weekend. So far Mr Roh has supported Ro Jai Bong, but he may be forced to sacrifice him in the face of middle-class disaffection.

Mr Roh could probably weather the opposition if it was confined to the student movement, but inflation and a recent rash of corruption cases are having an impact on everyone.

Unlike in 1987, when President Chun Doo Hwan was forced to step down and a more democratic style of government was introduced, the middle classes do not want radical change. But they do expect the president to restore confidence in his leadership.

The clashes were set off by the death in a Kwangju hospital of 19-year-old Park Seung Hee, three weeks after she set herself on fire to protest against the fatal police beating of a Seoul student, Kang Kyung Dae, in April. Her death sent thousands of angry students and workers into the streets for hours of fighting.

Mr Kang's remains were driven to Kwangju early yesterday but riot police refused to let the cortège go to the city centre, insisting that the body be taken to an outlying cemetery. After an 11-hour standoff, Mr Kang's family and funeral organisers agreed to drive to the cemetery, only to be surrounded by students demanding the body be taken to central Kwangju.

Dissidents had massed in the city for Saturday's anniversary of the 1980 Kwangju massacre in which troops killed hundreds, suppressing a popular uprising.

Mr Roh, who heads South Korea's first democratically elected government, seems to be running out of both patience and options in dealing with the demonstrators and has ordered suppression of the protests, much as his predecessor did.

State prosecutors are to begin investigations into dissident groups. They plan to arrest at least 150 people, including the organisers of Mr Kang's funeral. Saturday saw confrontations involving about 200,000 people in 139 cities and towns across South Korea marking the Kwangju anniversary.



Gas attack: a South Korean mother, with one child harnessed to her back, tries to stop her son inhaling tear gas fired by police during protests in Taejon

Two voices used by the Khmer Rouge

From JAMES PRINGLE IN PHUM DONG, CAMBODIA

STRONG public disagreement about the future of Cambodia among the leadership of the Khmer Rouge has emerged here as Major-General Timothy Dibuama of Ghana, adviser to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, arrived in the country to see how the ceasefire that began on May 1 is holding.

Two cadres haranguing a group of sceptical people in this village, just inside Cambodia, presented sharply differing views of the future. The first "inner" (hardline) cadre said in a future Cambodia, ruled by the Khmer Rouge, the rich who now have villas, cars and servants will again labour in the fields while the poor, who make up 90 per cent of the population, will be encouraged to get rich. He said "Mr Pol Pot", under whose rule the cities were forcibly evacuated and up to a million Cambodians died, was a great nationalist.

The other "outer" (softline) cadre said the truth was that Pol Pot was not liked by Cambodians and would never return to power. Should the Khmer Rouge win the elections, supervisd by the United Nations, a market economy and a "liberal" political system would prevail. The cadres spoke a few days after Amnesty International accused the Khmer Rouge of killing 30 dissident officials for favouring greater freedom.

The warring communist factions, plus two non-communist groups awkwardly allied to the Khmer Rouge, are to meet in Jakarta, Indonesia, early next month to try to reach agreement on the UN peace plan. Phnom Penh refuses to dismantle its army before elections, saying that it fears the Khmer Rouge will try to seize power again.

● BANGKOK: Thai government forces have been fighting Khmer Rouge forces in Cambodia in the first violation of the truce, to be confirmed independently (Neil Kelly writes). A UN military team which visited frontline positions inside Cambodia last week saw no evidence that the truce, the first in 12 years of war, had been broken, but both sides have accused the other of violations.

Cambodia today celebrates its day of hatred and, in a government directive broadcast by Phnom Penh radio, the people were told "harbour anger, expose and denounce Pol Pot, Ieng Sary, Khieu Samphan (the Khmer Rouge leaders), traitors who created the genocidal disaster and brought destruction to the motherland and our people".

Rebels cut Ethiopian lifeline

With barely a week to go before peace talks in London, Ethiopian rebels claimed the capture of two more towns in the northeast (David Watts writes). The victories at Dessie and Kombolcha put the rebels in control of roads between Addis Ababa and the Red Sea port of Aseb.

The Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front said that it would not interfere with non-military traffic on the capital's lifeline.

The latest fighting also saw the recapture of Ambo, 65 miles west of the capital, from the government.

Ferry disaster

Peking — An overloaded ferry carrying villagers to a weekend temple festival overturned and sank on the Gangnan reservoir in Hebei Province, killing at least 54 people, *The Hebei Daily* said. The paper said that 20 people were rescued but others were still unaccounted for. *(Reuter)*

Drugs raid

Hong Kong — Four people were arrested in a raid on a flat used as a factory for making "ice", a highly-addictive drug derived from amphetamine. Police seized 44lb of ice, with a street value of $HK15 million (£1.1 million). *(Reuter)*

Animals rescued

Bangkok — Two people were arrested and more than 200 animals from endangered species, including cats and lizards, have been rescued in a raid on two farms. *(Reuter)*

Mogadishu gang murders Briton

By OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

EVERY day for almost five months Brian Bowden was the face of Britain in Somalia.

With the withdrawal of the British ambassador and his staff after the overthrow of President Siad Barre it was left to the 33-year veteran of Somalia to look after the embassy and its ravaged contents but Mr Bowden's "last stand" ended when he was shot by robbers at the weekend.

His death was confirmed by the Foreign Office yesterday. The gang of eight raiders broke into his home in Mogadishu and stole gold, money and food. Mr Bowden, aged 62, who the Foreign Office says stayed on of his volition, had lived in Somalia for 33 years and worked in the northern province of Hargeisa for many years.

The civil war forced a move to the capital in 1988 where he worked for the Overseas Development Administration on a project to monitor the tsetse fly.

From last December he took over management of the embassy registry but spent much of his time trying to get salaries through for the Somali staff. His children were moved to Kenya but Mr Bowden could not join them for lack of money.

In a radio broadcast yesterday the newly proclaimed Somalialand Republic said there would be free elections in the north after two years.



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African village reaps harvest of hope

From ANDREW LYCETT IN MAREU, NEAR ARUSHA, TANZANIA

NORMAN Borlaug, the 77-year-old father of the Green Revolution, is still actively courting controversy. His latest project, which aims to create self-sufficiency in sub-Saharan Africa, has found plenty of critics, including those from other food aid agencies who believe their efforts are being downgraded.

However, Dr Borlaug is adamant there is "tremendous food potential in sub-Saharan Africa". To unlock this he and Jimmy Carter, the former American president, secured the financial backing of Ryoichi Sasakawa, the Japanese philanthropist. Their Sasakawa Global 2000 organisation works to cut through red tape and to show that, with political commitment and the right management, it is possible to grow food even in the least promising environment.

In the foothills of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa's highest mountain, Dr Borlaug, winner of the 1970 Nobel Peace prize for his work on high-yielding wheat varieties, emerges from a small *shamba* or farmer's hut on the edge of Mareu village and acknowledges the cheers of the waiting crowd. "When I first came here three years ago, there was very little," he said. "Now, as I look around me, there is maize as far as I can see."

The visit to Mareu by Dr Borlaug and Mr Carter has all the trappings of an American presidential campaign. The bunting is out, cheerleaders sing, and the dirt roads have been specially graded. Mr Carter is busy signing autographs. Also in their party, resplendent in his ceremonial robes, is General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former Nigerian president, who has his own election agenda: he has announced his candidacy for the post of secretary-general of the United Nations.

Dr Borlaug and Mr Carter have used their celebrity to demand full state backing for their projects, which have been introduced in Ghana, Sudan and Zambia, as well as Tanzania. The project's implementation was delayed for three years in Tanzania until the government was able to guarantee a supply of fertiliser and a change in its agricultural pricing policy. Starting with just 67 management training plots in March 1989, the project now administers 4,286 in 78 villages in the region around Mareu. The farmer of each one-acre demonstration plot is helped to buy the right seed and fertiliser, and has the support of specially trained workers. The package itself is not new, but it has brought yields ranging from 12 to 28 bags of maize per acre, compared with the usual four to eight bags. The idea is for other farmers to copy the success of the demonstration plot.

Once the project is under way, Dr Borlaug leaves it to villagers to pressure their government to provide the facilities to make crop-growing a continuing success. "Farmers will begin to ask for roads and markets," he says. "We've got to generate these problems." Ironically, this approach is the antithesis of Mr Carter's personal prescription for Africa's food shortages. One of his solutions is broader grassroots democracy: the emancipation of the small farmer has "a very direct relationship with agriculture", he said.

Back at Mareu, President Mwinyi of Tanzania says that small farmers, on whom his country depends for 80 per cent of its agricultural production, have "achieved yield levels that have never existed in their fondest dream". He promised further improvements to Tanzania's feed and fertiliser industries, its agricultural credit system and transport infrastructure.

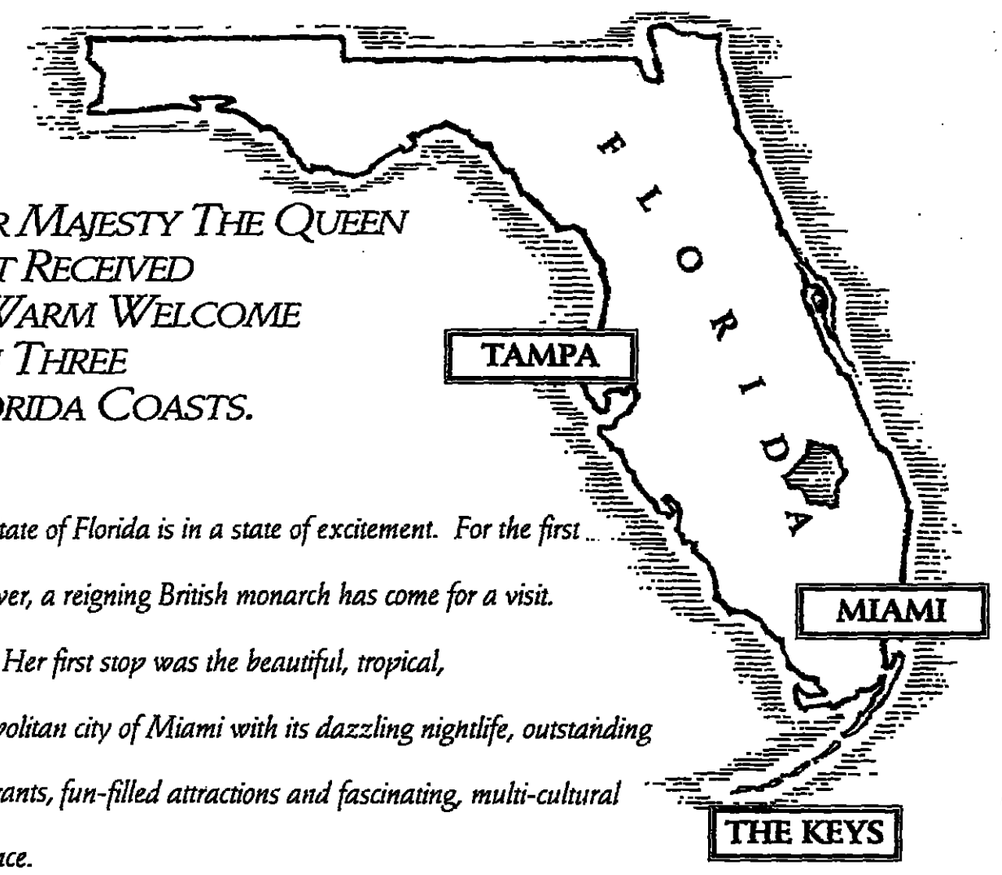
This is the feedback that Dr Borlaug and Mr Carter have yearned for. "If fertiliser remains available, if the storage is there and if prices don't drop, this is going to soar," said Dr Borlaug.

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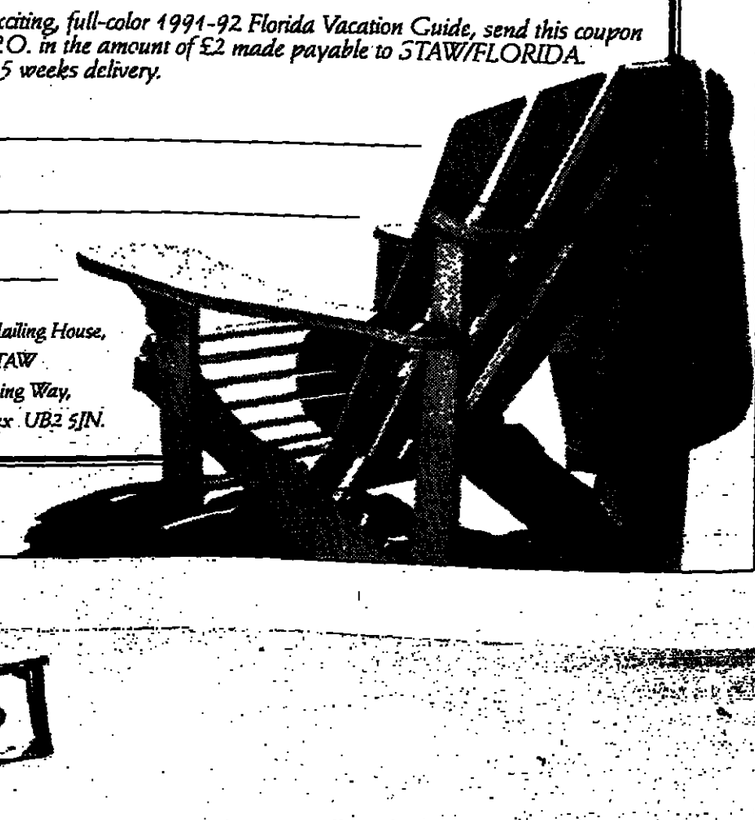
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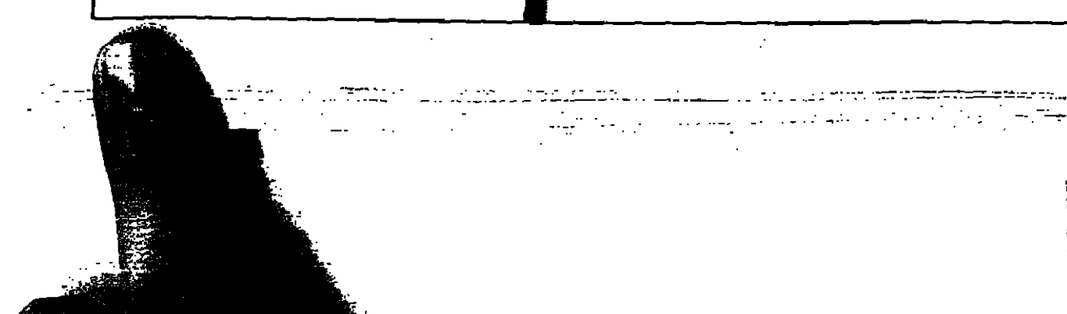
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Saddam gives go-ahead for UN guards to move in

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE Iraqi leadership agreed this weekend that the United Nations could establish a security presence in some areas and it is said to be on the verge of finalising a deal with Kurdish rebel leaders that would give the Kurds autonomy in a new, democratic Iraq.

Both developments are expected to encourage more refugees to return home and to reduce the need for Western forces to stay in northern Iraq. Some Kurdish figures said, however, that President Saddam Hussein would never change his dictatorial habits and one Shia leader said that any deal the Kurds signed would be null and void after the Iraqi prsident was "eliminated". The Shias claim that Saddam has stepped up his repression of Iraq's Shia majority since he began talks with the Kurds last month.

After weeks of careful diplomacy by UN officials, Baghdad agreed on Saturday that up to 500 UN guards should take care of security at humanitarian centres in Kurdish areas in northern Iraq and in the mainly Shia city of Basra in the south. Ten guards travelled to Dahuk, in northern Iraq, yesterday to encourage the Kurds to come home from the border with Turkey.

Iraqi forces pulled out of the city at the weekend after a tense stand-off with US forces who have stayed on the outskirts for weeks. Allied officers said Saddam's men were pulling out on the understanding that Western forces would not occupy the provincial capital. A non-combat allied team will go to the city soon, however, to examine the services there after the damage inflicted during the Gulf War.

Bernt Bernander, the UN's special representative in Baghdad, said the UN security guards were not police, but they were a "general law and order" presence designed "to create a climate of reassurance among displaced people and hopefully an inducement to them to return home". The move was seen as an important first step towards Western withdrawal from northern Iraq and followed Saddam's rejection of Britain's proposal to send in a UN police force to replace Western troops.

Kurdish leaders announced on Saturday that they were close to finalising a 20-point autonomy deal with Saddam. Masoud Barzani, the Kurdish Democratic party leader, said the Kurds would control their own region within Iraq and enjoy proportional representation in the central government. There would be free elections, with a new multi-party democracy replacing the Baath party rule.

He said the only obstacle was disagreement over the extent of the autonomous region and whether it would include the oil-rich city of Kirkuk. The agreement mirrors the terms of a 1970 pact that Saddam negotiated with Mr Barzani's father, Mustafa. While that agreement collapsed four years later, Kurdish leaders believe they are now in a stronger position because any deal will be struck in the international limelight and Saddam is desperate for sanctions to be lifted.

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Soviet visit for Briton in Iraqi jail

Baghdad — A British engineer, Douglas Brand, has told a Soviet diplomat that the Iraqi trial at which he was convicted of spying lasted five days, that he pleaded not guilty, and that he was represented by a state-appointed lawyer.

"His spirit is quite high ... He does not appear crushed," the Soviet official said after visiting him on Britain's behalf for 15 minutes.

Brand, aged 51 and a former Royal Marine, was given a sentence of life imprisonment, which in Iraq generally means a maximum term of twenty years. *(Reuter)*

Arabs stabbed

Jerusalem — Two Arabs were stabbed in a Haifa discotheque after a row over politics. Two Jewish youths were arrested. In some West Bank areas, a strike was mounted to protest against the expulsion of four Palestinians. *(Reuter)*

Soldier killed

Ankara — A French soldier was killed and another was injured when their vehicle crashed between the towns of Batman and Midyat in south-east Turkey. *(Reuter)*

Holy ground

Riyadh — Saudi businessmen have bid up to £14,820 a square yard for land next to the mosque of the Prophet Muhammad in the Saudi holy city of Medina, ranking it among the most expensive land on earth. *(Reuter)*



Caged in: some of the dozen defendants accused of collaborating with the Iraqis during the seven-month occupation of Kuwait sitting in a cell in the courtroom yesterday. About 200 people are to be tried for helping Iraq acquire arms, giving shelter, looting and on other charges

Britain's fighting men switch with care to peace role

From ANDREW FINKEL IN KANI STI, NORTHERN IRAQ

AT THIS vast and desolate former Iraqi air force base, now used by British forces to monitor Baghdad's troops in nearby Dahuk, Regimental Sergeant-Major Bill Gillet of 29 Commando confessed: "I've never seen anything quite like this before. It's the constant change between feeling compassion, then having to feel aggression again."

We sat at night in a foxhole overlooking the city of Dahuk, still in Iraqi hands and just outside the safe haven set up by the Gulf war allies for returning Kurdish refugees. Allied flares constantly burst over the city. On Saturday some of 29 Commando had gathered at a mosque in a nearby Iraqi village to watch the FA Cup Final on television. But others still kept watch on Iraqi army positions from their camouflaged gun batteries. Soon, if Iraqi forces leave Dahuk of their own accord, some of the commandos will switch from armed alert to the humanitarian effort to resettle Kurds.

It is an ambiguous situation. An American roadblock controls traffic from Zakho to Dahuk; a few miles down the road Iraqi troops do likewise. In the hills the allies keep watch; across the plains the Iraqis watch the allies watching them.

The reality is that the Iraqis are a defeated army putting on a show of force in the hope that today's demand for Dahuk will not become tomorrow's march on the oilfields of Kirkuk and Mosul.

Captain Tony Ball said: "We're not meant to refer to them as the enemy, just as Iraqis." From his foxhole he is nevertheless guiding US A10 and F16 fighter jets as they fly in to buzz the Iraqi lines.

The allied understanding is that the Iraqis have accepted Dahuk as a demilitarised city and will retreat to a position south of it. The coalition forces thus still hope to incorporate Dahuk into the safe haven without engaging Iraqi troops. Yet they are openly perplexed about how to avoid making the Kurds dependent on a sense of security which might prove false when the allied troops withdraw from the area.

The men of 29 Commando can land a 40lb shell on a 5p piece, but getting the refugees back to their homes and livelihoods and supplying them with the aid they need is even more difficult.

Thorn in Israel's side vows to continue fast

From RICHARD BEESTON IN TEL AVIV

SUITE 472 of Tel Aviv's luxury Dan Hotel is an unlikely place of suffering. But its spectacular view of the city's packed Mediterranean beaches is a depressing sight for Abie Nathan, Israel's veteran peace campaigner who vowed, as his hunger strike entered its fourth week, to continue it "to the end".

Mr Nathan, aged 64, who in a series of often spectacular peaceful actions has challenged successive Israeli governments to begin dialogue with Israel's Arab enemies, said he would not eat again unless the Israeli authorities lifted their ban on contact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation. He has already lost 25lb.

After 23 days of drinking only water, Mr Nathan, who gained world fame when he flew a plane to Egypt in 1966, seemed mentally alert although physically frail at the weekend. "I am feeling tired and weak, but once I get talking the strength returns to me," he said. "I am not as young as I was, but I hope that I can last 35 days. I am determined not to stop my fast until the law is changed."

Mr Nathan, who has campaigned worldwide for various causes over the past 25 years, embarked on his hunger strike after growing increasingly disillusioned with the policies of the current right-wing coalition government.

Last year he was imprisoned for 122 days after meeting Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, with whom he had previously had talks on some dozen occasions.

"We have to speak to our enemies, because that is the only way we can achieve peace," he said. Mr Nathan fasted for 45 days in 1978 to protest against the building of settlements in the occupied territories while peace negotiations with Egypt were under way.



Nathan: confesses to being tired and weak

Born in Iran but educated in Bombay, he has been greatly influenced in his work by Mahatma Gandhi's approach to peaceful protest. "Frankly the only way to achieve peace is by talking to your enemies. It worked with Egypt and it can work again with the PLO," he said.

Although he has received support from left-wing politicians and columnists, Mr Nathan concedes that his actions have not generated the mass public interest they once did. Since the Likud-led government is unlikely to change its position, scores of Israelis have urged him to stop his fast. On Friday he even had a letter from Mr Arafat which said: "I believe that your movement and supporters need you among them to continue the struggle until achieving peace and justice in the land of Palestine: For this, I appeal to you to end your fast."

But the letter is likely to go unheeded. "I am just drafting my response to Arafat now," Mr Nathan said. "I will tell him that I do not intend to stop. I do not want to die, but I cannot continue to live in a society which sees so many injustices done without doing something to put a stop to it."

Kuwait jails four Iraqis

From REUTER IN KUWAIT CITY

FOUR Iraqis, including one seen wearing a shirt bearing President Saddam Hussein's portrait, were jailed yesterday for up to 15 years when Kuwait held the first trial of suspected collaborators with Iraq during the Gulf conflict. Their deportation after completion of sentences was ordered.

Four other people, including an Iraqi woman, were remanded in custody. An Egyptian and three Jordanians were acquitted. An Iraqi, tried in absentia and found guilty of collaboration during the Iraqi occupation of the emirate, was given a three-year jail term.

Several defendants were brought to court in handcuffs amid tight security. Lawyers told the five-man court that confessions had been extracted by torture.

The trials were observed by representatives of Western embassies who have voiced fears about harassment of Kuwait's 200,000 Palestinian community and urged the emirate to control human rights abuses in the aftermath of the war, and by a representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Lawyers complained that no witnesses were brought to court and that they had not had a chance to review charges with their clients. One spoke of "phantom witnesses" speaking for the prosecution.

Two Iraqis were accused of keeping ammunition at home. They said the bullets were attached to a key ring and were used. But one judge said they could have been fired. About 200 suspected collaborators are due to go on trial.

● **WASHINGTON:** The American media currently has a jaundiced view of the new world order promised by President Bush. The feeling is that nothing of substance has changed, after four inconclusive diplomatic missions to the Middle East by James Baker, the Secretary of State (Susan Ellicott writes).

The trials in Kuwait of alleged collaborators, mainly Palestinians, has exaggerated the emirate's image overseas as prejudiced against foreigners. Meanwhile, Iraq's sentencing of Douglas Brand, a British engineer, for alleged spying has focused attention on how quickly Saddam has managed to return to a pre-war style.

Amid the disappointment, editorials have welcomed Mr Bush's new initiatives to control arms in the Middle East. But American influence on politics in the region is depicted as having done little to encourage voting rights for women or greater status for foreign workers.

Kohl takes his plan for united Europe to Bush

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl arrived in Washington last night for his first visit since becoming chancellor of a united Germany. In talks with President Bush and senior members of the administration today he will explain that his next aim is to help create a United States of Europe with a joint foreign, defence and economic policy, capable of becoming a world superpower.

The chancellor is keen to present his vision of this new, enlarged European Community as a panacea for the continent's economic and security problems. He sees the new Europe including not only the EC and countries like Switzerland, Austria and Norway, but embracing the new democracies of east Europe.

However, Herr Kohl has immediate problems to confront. He has to tell the Americans that he cannot yet keep the main promise he made when Mr Bush visited his home at Oggersheim last November regarding wider use of German forces. He was bluntly asked then by the US leader to ensure that, in future, Germany would send troops to join operations like that in the Gulf.

The chancellor promised that as soon as he won the first all-German election he would introduce the necessary amendments to the constitution to make it possible to send German troops anywhere in the world in the service of peace and international justice. Six months after winning the election, there is still not even a draft for this, because Herr Kohl knows he cannot obtain the two-thirds majority of the Bundestag needed to alter the constitution. His tactics now are to link the whole defence question to the European unity issue, aware that the Social Democratic party is at least as keen on a United States of Europe as he is.

Another area for discussion in Washington is the stability of the Soviet Union. President Gorbachev has appealed for financial help from the Group of Seven industrialised nations (G7) and has specifically asked Germany for an extra DM30 billion (£10.2 billion) to help pull its troops out of the eastern part of the united country. Bonn, which is already struggling to find the DM15 billion it has undertaken to pay towards this, is not ready to dig deeply into its own pocket again.

The chancellor will tell the Americans that the world's richer nations must share the burden of propping up the Soviet reforms, and that this must be worked out jointly at the G7 meeting in London in July.



Home alone: Imelda Marcos, exiled widow of Ferdinand Marcos, the former president of the Philippines, plans to return to Manila this year with or without the permission of President Aquino.

Hasty visit by unwelcome Pinochet

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE flying visit to Britain at the weekend of General Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator of Chile but still commander-in-chief of the Chilean army, took place without British government involvement because of official embarrassment in Whitehall, defence industry sources said. "You've never seen so much washing of hands, Pontius Pilate style, " one source said yesterday.

The Chilean defence attaché in London had contacted the Foreign Office on Thursday to inform it that the general intended visiting Britain on Saturday to view the British end of an Anglo-Chilean defence project. British Aerospace told the Foreign Office, the defence ministry and the trade and industry department. "The government did not say no," the source said.

The government insisted, however, that the visit should be private. There would be neither an official welcoming party nor an official invitation from British Aerospace. With just 48 hours' notice of General Pinochet's arrival in Britain, British Aerospace quickly organised an itinerary that would keep him in the country for less than a day.

"We had no involvement in this visit," the Foreign Office reiterated yesterday. "It was a private visit and Royal Ordnance were the hosts." A spokesman added: "He was travelling with the knowledge of the Chilean president but he was not received by ministers or officials." A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "Royal Ordnance is a private company. Permission from us was not required."

The visit was embarrassing for the government because while relations with Chile had greatly improved since the election last year of civilian President Patricio Aylwin, General Pinochet retains an official position. The former dictator, in an attempt to "test the climate" for himself, had announced earlier this year that he was to visit Europe.

General Pinochet had expressed a wish to see the Anglo-Chilean defence project involving the development of a multiple-rocket artillery system. The Rayo development contract had been signed in September last year between Royal Ordnance, a subsidiary of British Aerospace, and Famae, the Chilean army's ordnance factory.

Royal Ordnance's rocket propulsion division was to develop the rocket system. The Chileans were particularly interested in the British company's strong, laminated casing for the rocket. Famae was to develop the shell. Both sides are hopeful that, if a production contract is signed, other countries will show an interest in buying the system.

General Pinochet and his entourage flew in in a private jet to British Aerospace's airfield in Hatfield, Hertfordshire. From there he was taken to the Royal Ordnance plant at Westcott, near Aylesbury. British Aerospace refused to give more details.

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Movie moguls race to land Columbus on the screen

With the bad name Christopher Columbus suffers in the Americas of 1991, it seems odd that anyone wants to celebrate the 500th anniversary of his arrival. After all, for sensitive non-whites and the politically enlightened, the old mariner fits in somewhere between an eco-terrorist and duplicitous, money-grabbing self-promoter. Even the American government jubilee commission has succumbed to financial trouble and charges of mismanagement: conditions that plagued Columbus throughout his life.

Accountancy is, curiously, part of the festivities. These include an exhibit "500 years of accounting" which will honour the Italian development of double-entry bookkeeping. But all the sourness and squabbling over history's most celebrated accidental tourist has done little to slow the race to be first to lead the screen version of the "Admiral of the Ocean Sea". Two heavyweight crews of film-makers on both sides of the Atlantic have over the past month tied up the deals that they hope will send their navigator sailing first on to the world's screens before the jubilee of his landing in October next year. The question is, will the world prefer Columbus as the tough-tender Gérard Depardieu, or as the James Bondish Timothy Dalton?

Depardieu has landed the job of portraying the admiral in Ridley Scott's *Christopher Columbus*, financed by the Odyssey company of France and distributed by Paramount. Earlier this month Dalton was given the title role in *Christopher Columbus: The Discovery*, a $50 million (£29 million) job with screenplay by Mario Puzo, author of *The Godfather*, produced by Ilya Salkind of the *Superman* films, and directed by George Cosmatos of such action epics as *Rambo II*.

The Dalton-*Columbus* strives for an unabashed yarn about the most famous voyage in world history. "This is the greatest adventure of all time," says Mr Salkind, who uses terms such as discovery and visionary to describe his man.

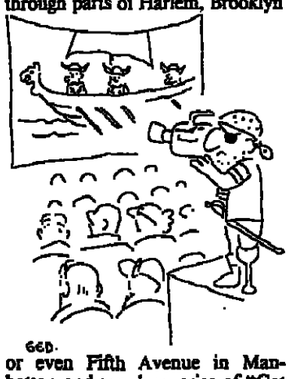
The Columbus Commission advises against the use of such expressions in favour of a sanitised lexicon. For example, instead of discovery, you are supposed to say "encounter between two cultures". The landing will be "commemorated", never celebrated. Whatever happened after the discovery, "Columbus did not set out to hurt anybody", Mr Salkind says. The producer, backed by the Spanish government, does not think much of his rivals. "Their film doesn't exist as far as I am concerned," he told a reporter last week.

The sentiment is returned by Patrick Wachsberger, president of Odyssey. "I doubt their movie will ever be made," he sniffed to New York *Newsday* in Cannes last week. His Depardieu-*Columbus* will be the more complex, shady Columbus, the showman sailor who wheedled his money out of Queen Isabella, kept false records, lied to his crew and died in obscurity.

But he will still be a hero, Mr Wachsberger said. "Nobody goes to a movie to see anything but a hero." According to the current wisdom in the film world, there is no room for two full-blown Christophers and the moneymen may pull the funds from one before things go too far.

The industry learnt its lesson, it is said, from the tale of the duelling Robin Hoods. Both 20th Century Fox and Warner Brothers have suffered from their race to recreate the hero of Sherwood forest this year. The Fox version, starring Patrick Bergin, reached screens first in Europe but was turned into a television movie in America. Warners' product, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, to be launched this summer, enjoys the advantage of starring Kevin Costner, now America's most bankable idol.

If you cannot wait for such hits to be released for home video, you can always resort to one of the hundreds of suppliers of bootleg videos. Walk through parts of Harlem, Brooklyn



or even Fifth Avenue in Manhattan and you hear cries of "Get your bootleg videos here!" The FBI is now running a big operation to unearth illicit studios which are said to be depriving the industry of $150 million a year.

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Shared work can provide a source of marital strength rather than strife

LIFE imitates television sitcoms. As of last week we have a husband and wife each editing a national newspaper within the same building. Sir Nick Lloyd continues at the *Daily Express*, while Lady Lloyd (*aka* Eve Pollard) edits the *Sunday Express*. If it really were a sitcom they would sweep up in separate chauffeured limos and have a row over the best space in the executive car-park, with hilarious punchlines along the lines of: "And what's more, not only did you poach my Monday front-page lead, you left the cap off the toothpaste again. My mother was right!"

I doubt we can hope for so much, but the appointment serves to confirm a trend that 20 years ago still seemed dangerously eccentric: the marriage in which both partners do exactly the same job at the same level. Back in the Sixties agony aunts were dubious about the wisdom of such matches: "There is a strong risk", wrote one, "of stress being caused by the husband's feeling that his wife is not a support but an actual rival." No mention, notice, of her feeling the same.

Marriage is a safe place in which to slander the boss

In some professions, matching careers have provided durable marriages for decades. Showbusiness is the most obvious. Observe Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray, Dame Judi Dench and Michael Williams, Victoria Wood and Geoffrey ("The Great Sorprendo") Durham.

A little bit of asymmetry seems useful: teachers are notable for marrying their own kind, but often one teaches primary and the other secondary, or vice versa. Doctors marry one another but hardly ever within the same speciality, and writers pair off best if they have a good style gap: thrillers and cookery, perhaps. Two "serious" Bookerish novelists, even if they are not Salman Rushdie and Marianne Wiggins, make for a tense household. Much better that he writes nonfiction (like Michael Holroyd) and she writes novels (like Margaret Drabble).

Husband-and-wife MPs look happy enough, though they often occur by the mentor-ish route whereby he (Nicholas Winterton, Peter Bottomley) is an MP while she brings the children up, whereon she finds a seat of her own. It is tempting to include couples who run businesses together, only they tend to carve out clearly defined roles: he does marketing and she does accounts, or he is Prince of Wales and stirs up hornets' nests, while she is Princess and makes everybody happy.

The question is whether the agony aunts were right in seeing indentical jobs as a source of rivalry and strife. Speaking as a former Radio Four reporter who married the one at the next desk after three years of stealing the batteries out of one another's tape recorders, I would say not. In the succeeding decade we have both done radio and television, written books and worked for newspapers, and the symmetry has proved nothing but an advantage. We understand one another's trials.

The great strength of marriage, after all, lies in its being a safe place in which to slander the boss and rubbish the clients. With identical jobs you have total rapport. Instead of looking boot-faced when you get back at midnight, he (or she) will sit up in bed and say eagerly: "The sound recordist held you up three hours? Don't tell me — not the ginger-haired one with the ears?" Or: "She made you cut *how* many words? Why do we bother!" And we both feel much better, united against a harsh world.

I am convinced that even now, pairs of doctors are grizzling contentedly over breakfast about the slowness of lab reports and the smell of patients; that teachers washing up breakfast allow themselves to say momentarily un-caring things about their pupils; and that married royals gain strength from swapping grumbles about how your face gets stiff from smiling. What the married editors complain about does not bear thinking of.

LIBBY PURVES

Why are more and more grown-up children living at home with their parents? **Geraldine Bedell** reports

Cuckoos who stay in the nest

Home used to be where fathers flashed bedroom lights on and off when they considered their daughters had spent long enough saying goodnight to boyfriends outside; where they padded about ominously upstairs, if the boyfriend ever made it as far as a daughter's room. Not surprisingly, home, a generation ago, was a place young people were only too anxious to leave. But the advent of liberal parents, combined with high interest rates and the near-extinction of private rented accommodation, means children no longer flee at the first opportunity. Increasingly, parents are eyeing their huge offspring with appalled alarm, wondering if they will ever get rid of them.

The three children of the journalist Hunter Davies, aged between 18 and 27, still live at home when not abroad; he believes children linger today "because they have such lovely mummies and daddies". His children, he admits "never do a hand's turn. They don't wash the dishes; they don't dig the garden. But then we don't ask them to. Margaret [his wife, the novelist Margaret Forster] cooks all the meals. They're supposed to say if they're not in for supper, but she never minds if they ring up ten minutes beforehand. I think she's mad."

Mr Davies thinks the trend for children to stay at home could produce a corresponding trend: runaway parents. "I have friends who couldn't take the scruffy clothes, the habits and the smell any longer. They gave up their civil service jobs and ran away to run an amusement arcade on the south coast."

Tolerant parents who still do the washing are every child's dream — particularly if they have a big house in a nice part of London. Helen Gray, a BBC researcher, thought the family home in Hampstead "seemed rather more attractive than a £50-a-week flat in Hackney or Wood Green". She has a self-contained flat in her parents' house. "I'm allowed to involve or disinvolve myself as much as I like. Half the time it's like I'm still at school and mummy and daddy are looking after me; the rest of the time I'm on my own. They never pass comment on anything I do."

The Building Societies Association reports that private rented accommodation accounts for only 7 per cent of housing, against 20 per cent in 1970 and 32 per cent in 1960: the bedsitter, first step away from the parental home, has all but disappeared. Buying has become so expensive that young people find owner occupation, especially in the southeast, out of the question.

In a recent survey in Berkshire, the Centre for Urban and Regional Research at Sussex University found that 15 per cent of homes contained what it called "suppressed households," although not all of these were anxious to split away immediately. A London Research Centre survey produced similar figures and suggested that although most couples living with the in-laws would like to get out (in other words, were there for purely economic reasons), single people were in no great hurry. In fact, the great majority of "concealed" households of single people — 631,000 — were quite happy where they were. Only 242,000 wanted to leave.

ALAN WELLER



Prayers answered: Sean Langan, aged 26, at home in north London with his mother Mina

'I understand the concept of the new man. I have put clothes in a washing machine before now'

Considering the benefits of hanging on with a fond mum, this is hardly surprising. Sean Langan, aged 26, a freelance journalist, pays rent to his mother, "but if one week I decide to buy something, I don't bother. Rent comes second to a club membership or Saturday night out". Among the attractions of living at home, he says, is the fact that "I drop my washing on the floor and it disappears. Then it reappears washed and ironed. And my mother does cook dinner every night."

He is mildly concerned that this may be leaving him unfit for real life — "but I do read women's magazines: I understand the concept of the new man. I *think* I could put it into practice. I have put clothes in a washing machine before now."

Claire Rayner's two elder children hung on until they were 24 and 27: "I thought it was awfully bad for them, inasmuch as it was just too convenient. I have domestic help, so they didn't even have to do their own laundry. They were spoilt. We drove Amanda out eventually. She announced one day she'd like her attic room redecorated, so Des said if she didn't like it she could go." She moved across the road.

Ms Rayner attributes the enthusiasm for the family home to the high cost of housing and better relations between parents and kids. "Parents are much more liberal these days. Most accept their adult children have sexual partners, and have them at home," she says. "But then we have a sizeable house and can lead detached lives. I get a lot of letters about this, and the unhappiness comes when people are tripping over each other in the bathroom."

Fashionable, cool young people now live at home: Sebastian Scott, the television presenter, lives in his parents' house in Kensington; Michael Bracewell, the novelist, lives in "a bog standard three-bedroomed semi in Metroland". At 33, he has simply never left — even during a "rather ill-advised stint at university" in Nottingham he commuted from Surrey. "What I don't know about the St Pancras-Nottingham line could be written on the head of a pin."

Mr Bracewell does not drink, never goes to parties, and has "no partner problems due to absence of same. In any case, God invented hotels." He sends out his laundry, "and we have a very good pizzeria near the station, which has all my favourite things". He sits round happily with his parents "being cantankerous, suspicious and bourgeois". Mr Bracewell's parents have "a very good system. I regard the house as theirs, and what they say goes".

Mr Davies shouts at his children, without noticeable effect, "to wait until six o'clock for their stupid phone calls", and to switch out the lights. He and Ms Forster have a complicated night-time signing-in system, but the children are always getting muddled and locking up, leading to noisy banging on doors.

Admittedly, Sean Langan does not always correct people who assume the Portuguese woman who answered his phone was his cleaning lady; and girls do sometimes look askance. His mother once repeatedly told a White House press attaché to "stop messing around". But set against having a full fridge, clean sheets and delicious food on the table every night, such things seem trivial.

For comfortably-off oldies, too, one suspects, having the children stay on is a rather gratifying testimony to their parenting skills. Where the extended household is a desperate economic necessity, tempers get very frayed; but where children simply get on well with their parents, it is all secretly rather enjoyable.

"It's stimulating seeing all their friends coming in and out; they bring in the world with their dirty washing," Mr Davies says.

The Building Societies Association's survey suggests 90 per cent of 15- to 20-year-olds see themselves as owner occupiers in ten years. Even so, liberal parents should beware. Sean Langan's 30-year-old brother now has his own flat with his girlfriend, but represents a second category of young hangers-on: those who leave physically but not spiritually. "He still comes back two or three times a week," Mr Langan says. "He expects his bed to be here. And he brings not just his, but his girlfriend's washing."

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Face to face with the cruel truth

Two horrific experiences gave Cynthia Steinhauser an insight into the minds of sex offenders. Now she is offering them a challenging form of therapy

Cynthia Steinhauser is used to being the centre of conversation at parties. "If sex is a hot topic," she says, "deviant sex is even hotter." Dr Steinhauser, an American, is a sex therapist. Not the type to which unhappy couples sometimes turn, but the type a growing number of sex offenders are meeting in jails and psychiatric hospitals in North America and Western Europe.

Earlier this year she set up a sex offender therapy programme at the Mission Institution and the neighbouring Ferndale jail, deep in British Columbia's mountainous interior. The six-month programme is voluntary, but most offenders submit themselves to it because it increases their chances of parole. It centres on group and individual counselling, designed to challenge the sex offender's distorted and often grossly dishonest thought patterns.

"Most people think that the penis is the primary male sex organ. It isn't. It's the brain," Dr Steinhauser says, digging her fingers into her temple. "That's why castration, either physical or chemical, often doesn't work . . . Arousal is cognitively mediated."

Dr Steinhauser speaks with passion about sex offenders, not just because she has the intelligence and imagination to empathise with their victims, but because she has been one herself. As a young girl she was abused for three years by a friend of her family, and at the age of 18 she was raped at knifepoint by a taxi driver.

Possessed of a formidable intellect, the young Ms Steinhauser, brought up in New York, got a master's degree in social work and, later, a doctorate in social services administration. In between getting her master's and her PhD she did a lengthy spell as a social worker. It was during this period that she realised her vocation.

"I remember this homosexual paedophile being referred to me. Initially, I was very fearful of him because of my own experiences as a victim," she says. "But as the days wore on it became more and more apparent that here was a very cowardly, very inadequate individual. Someone, in fact, who was desperately unhappy and desperately in need of support."

During the first few months of the programme that Dr Steinhauser runs, the emphasis is on breaking down the notorious reluctance many sex offenders show to admit their guilt. After three weeks, during which offenders' accounts of their offences are questioned, most of the "patients" have cracked. "Even the toughest eventually give up the pretence of innocence," Dr Steinhauser says. "When an offender withdraws an appeal against conviction or sentence, we know we're beginning to make progress."

At this point the onus shifts towards building the offenders' sympathy with victims (a process that involves inmates watching videos of victims talking through their experiences and partially acting out their crimes in front of their therapy group), and identifying the thoughts and feelings that spur offending — the "deviant cycle".



From the heart: Cynthia Steinhauser can understand the trauma of a victim

The so-called cognitive-behavioural approach is now being studied by the Home Office and is likely to form the intellectual backbone of the national therapy programme it wants to start introducing for jailed sex offenders this autumn. Treatment programmes informed by this philosophy do exist in Britain — one operates at the Gracewell Clinic for paedophiles in Birmingham — but these can offer places for only a fraction of the 2,700 sex offenders imprisoned in England and Wales.

Dr Steinhauser believes her experience of sex offenders gives her a crucial edge in the grinding, adversarial mind-games she plays with her charges in the crucial early stages of their treatment. "I can convey the trauma of being a victim in a very personal way," she says. "I speak from the heart."

There has also been a decided element of self-therapy. Learning about the fallibilities of the inmates she almost affectionately describes as "my men" has reduced the numbing fear she had of the male sex as a teenager. "It's helped me overcome my anxieties and given me much greater control and self-confidence. I no longer see men as ogres."

Only once has she disclosed her own victim experience during therapy. Faced by a heterosexual paedophile who steadfastly denied his guilt, she recounted her own tale in an attempt to shame the offender into admitting his culpability. It was a mistake. Several molesters contacted their lawyers claiming that they were never going to get parole because their therapist was prejudiced against child molesters. The offender never confessed.

She and the other counsellors offer the prisoners acceptance rather than anything more soothing for their consciences. "I tell the men that what they've done is unforgivable. Whether they choose to forgive themselves or not, or whether their victims do, is a personal decision. I just encourage them to develop a philosophy of acceptance, where they accept themselves as having some basic value. Their behaviour was shitty, heinous, terrible, but for all that they remain human beings."

For those preaching this fundamentally humanistic message, there are few easy successes. A proportion of their charges — about 12 to 13 per cent, on the evidence of similar schemes operating in the United States — will reoffend within a few years. The rest will stay on the straight and narrow only if carefully supervised by community workers, and if they continue to practise the control techniques learnt in prison.

Not surprisingly, the programme's director judges success in percentages that most professionals would regard as impossibly low. "I love what I do because I have learnt to see these people as worthwile human beings. Even if it only means we reduce the risk of reoffending by one-tenth of 1 per cent, it has been worth it."

QUENTIN COWDRY

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To judge by entries for poetry competitions, self-expression in verse remains a national obsession, as **Jane Hardy** reports

Poet? You might do verse

Although the census will not show it, we are a nation of poets. For many, the first real sign of spring, coming about six weeks after Wordsworth's daffodils, is the flutter of Poetry Society application forms for its annual competition. There are other competitions – notably the biennial Arvon, richest with £5,000 at stake – but this is the biggest and best.

In the 13 years since it began, the open competition has given a leg-up to such poets as Carol Ann Duffy and Tony Harrison (1983 and 1980 winners) and it regularly attracts 12,000-14,000 entries, having peaked in the "poetry readings on Waterloo concourse" days of the early Eighties with 32,000. The quantity of verse is not surprising. As Clifford Simmonds, deputy president of the 82-year-old Poetry Society, says: "Everybody is writing poetry, of all ages, all occupations."

And of all standards. In any competition, the Patience Strong school is better represented than the Martian school founded by Craig Raine (runner-up in 1978). But nearly all poetry is therapeutic. As Simon Armitage, a 1990 judge, said: "You always get at least one sackload of hospital poems. They're depressing to read because you often feel the person hasn't the words to express what he or she wanted."

Even if this poetry is not formally up to Larkin or Simon Armitage himself, it is a guide to national preoccupations. Uncrowned laureates sing Royal events, hidden writers worry about the environment, and this year there will certainly be Gulf elegies. When form and content do not meet, like a skimped seam, it is easier to read the psychology. You can age the poets, according to whether they went to school in the 1960s and have adopted Ted Hughes's verb-spattered style, or are older and believe "o'er" to be poetic usage for over. If good poetry is society dreaming, as poet Brian Jones once put it, bad verse contains our nightmares.

Last year Kit Wright, another judge, waded through 4,000 poems, mostly in the night hours. He discovered a lot of "green" stuff: "That must have been the largest category; then nationalistic poems from Scotland, Wales and particularly Ireland. I read a number of 'The blue hills of Fermanagh' poems, often in blue crayonned capital letters." There were archetypal poems, the same verse written by different people: "You'd think: I've already read that." There was a lot of darkness,



too: adult *Angst* about pollution, politics, death and child abuse.

This is not the right way to win the competition. Kit Wright's main piece of advice is "don't include a bad traffic accident in line six". Trauma is not necessarily the stuff of good poetry, although most people feel in a romantic sort of way that emotion, and emotion probably *not* recollected in tranquillity, is the right subject for rhymed writing.

Almost certainly, the winning poem will not be the first the author has ever written. The 1990 winner was Nicky Rice, third prizewinner in 1980 and an experienced poet. "Room Service", her prizewinning poem, is a gloomy piece in almost-hexameters about the euphemism business conducted in the "hothouse rooms" of retirement homes. Rice would not submit anything "too specific in terms of time and place: it must have universal application".

There is an element of literary lottery about the competition, since entrants do not know which judge will see their gems first. Laudably, the Poetry Society does not farm poems out to professional "readers": each official judge handles his or her full share.

This year, there is a female performance poet and playwright, Liz Lochhead; a witty poet to the right-of-centre, John Whitworth; lecturer David Daiches; and blind poet John Heath-Stubbs OBE. Last year, Grace Nichols held the black and feminist banner. Although women won the first two prizes, Nichols does not think gender can be predicted from anonymous work. "I judged a competition won by a poem called 'Snake Baby' about the way babies shed skin. I was sure it was by a woman, but the author was a man."

One clever way round the problem of judge-pleasing, advocated by Wendy Cope in "God and the Jolly Bored bog-Mouse" (written under her pseudonym Strugnell as an entry for the 1980 Arvon competition) is to write something with simultaneous appeal to all the judges. Her poem's stanzas each contain one line to tickle judges Hughes, Larkin, Heaney and Causley:

God tried to teach Mouse how to sing
Piss off! I'm not the sort.
Mouse squelched away across the bog.
It's jolly cold, he thought.

Any criticism of this open competition is mild. Grace Nichols notes the lack of entries from immigrants: "All the poems were in so-called standard English." Simon Armitage and Kit Wright share reservations about the justice of no-hopers paying entry fees (£4 first poem, £3 thereafter). But it is a competition.

Whether a writer's body of work should be considered is something Armitage wonders. This is the case in the Shell Young Poet of the Year competition, also run by the Poetry Society. Poets under 19 enter six to 12 poems. Conor Carson, last year's winner from Northern Ireland, believes it isn't a poem if it doesn't rhyme, unlike the older free spirits who enter the adult competition. Surprisingly, the much-discussed rhyme revival has not been proven by the open competition.

Before you pick up your pen, read some published poetry and think of the judges. John Whitworth says: "If it isn't typed, I can't read it. If it uses o'er, it'll go o'er my shoulder into the reject pile. But with Liz and me on the committee, it's going to be a good year for light verse."

● *Closing dates for the open competition and the Shell Young Poet of the Year are November 6 and July 31 respectively. Information from the Poetry Society (071-373-7861).*



Good bet for international crossover: British black singer Roachford (third from left) with his eponymous band

Ebony, ivory and the blues

Barney Hoskyns on the continuing power struggle between black and white influences in popular music

The history of rock and pop music has been one of whites borrowing, imitating, or simply plagiarising the music of blacks. Elvis Presley was not the first white Southerner to sing black blues songs and nor will he be the last. Mainstream white pop the world over has been almost wholly reliant on the rhythms and mannerisms of black American dance music.

But what about the other side of the coin? Ever since the mid-Sixties, when hippie culture broke down some of the walls of segregation between blacks and whites, there have been maverick black acts who were not content to limit themselves to the conventions of rhythm 'n' blues and soul music. "Who Says a Funk Band Can't Play Rock?", challenged Funkadelic's George Clinton on the 1978 LP, *One Nation Under a Groove*. The answer was: certainly not anybody who had ever listened to Jimi Hendrix, Sly and the Family Stone, Santana, War, Miles Davis, the Isley Brothers, or Earth, Wind and Fire. When Hendrix annexed the hard rock which had come directly out of the influence of blues guitarists such as Otis Rush and Buddy Guy, he was exacting revenge as much as he was pledging his allegiance to the psychedelic white counter-culture.

Nobody had ever smashed through the boundaries dividing black from white quite like Prince did at the beginning of the Eighties. Latest in a line of dionysiac exotics from Little Richard to George Clinton himself, and growing up in the predominantly white Midwest environment of Minneapolis, Prince pushed musical and visual miscegenation as far as it would go. "Are these black punk acts and New Wavers shunning their traditional black roots in favour of a little cosmic Uncle Tomming?", asked a black music magazine at the time. "Or are they merely climbing over the walls built by the white man and designed to keep black music microcosmic?" It was the old "separation versus assimilation" argument that had been raging in black culture since the days of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. du Bois.

Since the crowning of Prince as the single most interesting and vital figure in the black music of the Eighties, others have followed suit in their frustration with the clichéd codes of soul, be it uptempo dance music or smoochy balladry. For Chuck D of the ultra-militant Public Enemy, rap was "black rock 'n' roll", a surprising position given the band's avowed black separatism. Eschewing the polyrhythms of funk and the pulse of disco and house music, Public Enemy and their ilk instead fulminated over the sampled 4/4 beats of classic hard rock bands such as Led Zeppelin.

Black rock is currently making new strides with the success of acts such as Living Colour, Lenny Kravitz, and Roachford. "Don't ask me why I play this music/It's my culture, so naturally I use it", sing the New York band Living Colour, though they also lambaste the king of rock 'n' roll in the song "Elvis Is Dead": "A black man taught him how to sing/And then he was crowned king." Kravitz is more unashamedly derivative of the flower-power rock of the late Sixties. His new album *Mama Said* contains so many pastiches (of Lennon, Hendrix, Curtis Mayfield, and others) that critics have called him the Leonard Zelig of pop.

Closer to home, Londoner Andrew Roachford made the electrifying "Cuddly Toy" three years ago and now returns with *Get Ready!*, an album evenly balanced between funk and rock. Tipping its hat to Prince and Sly Stone, who is celebrated on the song "Higher", *Get Ready!* marks Roachford out, along with Seal (first heard as the singer for Adamski's "Killer" and now a solo success), as one of the few British stars with a chance of crossing over from a black to a white audience and back again.

Perhaps symptomatic of the decline of soul music is that these black acts should be making such headway in contemporary pop. In this country, if not in America, there is a distinct backlash against the American soul of the Eighties. Five years ago Alexander O'Neal was hip; today his double-breasted suits and hackneyed seduction techniques are seen as *démodé*. By the same token, much of the dance music in the charts today is being made by anonymous whites, albeit employing the black voices even their machines cannot yet simulate.

Whether the new miscegenation means that black music will increasingly lose its distinctive Afro-American characteristics remains to be seen. Perhaps the last word should be left to that ghoulish legend Screamin' Jay Hawkins, author of the mighty "I Put a Spell on You": his new album is called *Black Music for White People*.

● *Barney Hoskyns' book, From A Whisper To A Scream: The Great Voices of Popular Music, is published today by Fontana.*

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A simple case for the complex

CURIOUSLY, "complexity", which is one way of defining what we admire in a Bach fugue or a late Beethoven string quartet, gently turns itself into a term of disapprobation when the subject is contemporary music. Whole regions of musical possibility and experience are thus shunted off into outer darkness as "complex", or more usually "over-complex". And so, by a seductive sleight of mental hand, the music concerned can be acknowledged as elaborately made and deeply considered, while the making and the considering are dismissed as profitless.

The assumption here is the rather puritan one that there ought to be a direct relationship between the quantity of detail and the quality of understanding: that the listener should be able to get out of a work everything that the composer has put in. There is, too, a kind of comfort in the knowledge that everything in a piece is part of a comprehensible pattern, that eventually – if not at first hearing, if not at tenth hearing – it will all fall into place.

But life is not like that, or not only like that. We are constantly, in such simple operations as walking along a city street, making guesses on the basis of information which comes too fast and too abundantly to be consciously understood.

So may it be with the music of Brian Ferneyhough, who, perhaps more than any other living composer, has been hit on the head with this false weapon of "complexity". Certainly his music is complex in the sense that it contains far more incident per second than does the work of Philip Glass. But it is not necessary to suppose that all the incident must be relatable to underlying themes and harmonic progressions in the manner of Bach or Beethoven, or that anyone could ever "understand" it in that sense.

All kinds of other ways of tracing the music are possible, including simple astonishment at sounds that make the hair stand on end, or at an utterly traditional concept of dramatic form. All of these astonishments are richly present in a new record of Ferneyhough's string quartets performed by the **Arditti Quartet** (Disques Montaigne WM334 789003).

THE biggest work here is the early *Sonatas*, which gets to the hair-standing point within its first four minutes and travels on for more than half an hour longer through a bleak musical landscape: a real winter journey, this, returning to the icy chiming harmonics from which it set out. The Ardittis' magnificent performance proves how much understanding they have gained in the ways that matter.

That this comes from experience is strongly suggested by their recording of the Second Quartet, which is so much livelier than the one they made eight years ago. This work also shows how Ferneyhough is a master of the arresting opening (a wild violin solo) and the powerful close (in spooky sliding harmonics), and how essential to his music, along with the packed activity, is empty silence. But then the ending of the Third Quartet is a remarkable essay in broken music too. These three works are consistently powerful, exciting and absorbing.

Irvine Arditti, who shines so brilliantly in both the later quartets, includes another piece by Ferneyhough in his solo recital on the same label (WM334 789003): this is the *Intermedio alla ciaccona*, which can be interpreted as being about the different kinds of musical understanding implied by being Bach and by being Ferneyhough. And yet another Ferneyhough piece, *Carceri d'invenzione IIb*, crops up on **Roberto Fabbriciani**'s disc of solo flute music (Europa Musica/Koch 350-229), a splendidly played history of the instrument from Debussy's *Syrinx* through Varèse, Berio and Nono.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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BRIEFING

Holly leaves

JUST as the rock musical *Buddy* (about Buddy Holly) launches the unknown actor, Chip Esten, in the London production tonight, word comes that the Broadway version closed yesterday, just three weeks shy of the Tony awards. The timing is ironic: Paul Hipp, the original London lead who went with the production to Broadway, is a Tony nominee, although the show itself, which opened there last autumn to mixed reviews, struggled to find an audience.

Fair exchange

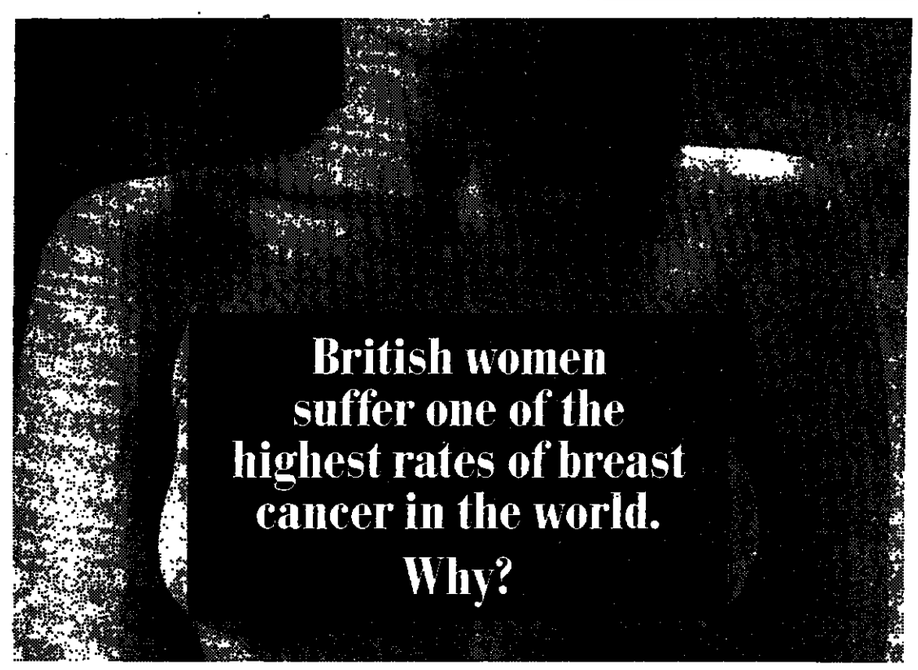
VISITORS to the Courtauld Institute Galleries may miss the three Seurats which the Institute has lent to the Seurat centenary show in the Grand Palais, Paris. But there is recompense in the shape of a visit from one of Monet's most radiant images: his 1904 picture of *Houses of Parliament: Sun breaking through mist*, lent as a thank-you gesture from the Musée d'Orsay.



Paul Hipp: Tony nominee for *Buddy*

Last chance...

THE last bottle of vodka will be opened on Saturday: *Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell*, with Peter O'Toole in the role he created, comes to the end of its second run. The play started 18 months ago and the character of the famously hard-drinking journalist went through two transformations before O'Toole took over for the revival at the Shaftesbury Theatre (071-379 5399).



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Stopping cancer before it starts

Peter Stothard, US editor, examines the myth of the Alamo, America's most potent historic symbol

Queen of the wild frontier

Because America does not have a monarch it has to look elsewhere for the slowly changing traditional symbols that help to bind a nation together. In Texas they remember the Alamo, the mission fortress where 189 men and women, including Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie (who gave his name to the knife), were massacred by the army of the Mexican dictator, General Santa Anna, in 1836.

Tomorrow the Queen, who has been called by the American press a "walking logo" for Britain, has asked that she should see the equally famous bell-shaped logo for the independence of Texas and, as Texans would have it, for the freedom of all America. In San Antonio they are waiting expectantly for one legend to meet the other. "While much of the royal trip is trivial," says Alamo historian Frank Thompson, "this really means something."

The story of the Alamo contains a core of received truths as unshakable as those of any revealed religion. Santa Anna is the satanic enemy. Crockett, Bowie and William Travis (made forever



Crockett: John Wayne-style

a snobbish Englishman by Laurence Harvey in the 1959 John Wayne film) form a trinity of heroic defenders. The Frenchman Louis "Moses" Rose is the Judas who refused to cross the "line in the sand" and stay to fight to the death. The Battle of the Alamo is a tale of blood and death; redemption comes with the Texan victory at San Jacinto six weeks later.

These essential mythic elements have been supplemented over the years to match the changing moods of the time. Davy Crockett spent the first half of this century as a wild backwoods conman until Walt Disney, with his television film and "King of The Wild Frontier" song, created the perfect post-war man of Eisenhowerian honour. By the time that John Wayne played Crockett in 1959 the aim was, in the star's own words: "To sell America to countries threatened with communist domination and to make Americans appreciate the struggle our ancestors made for the freedom we now enjoy."

Ten years later, when the Texan president Lyndon Johnson was the murderous villain of Vietnam to the nation's film-going young, Peter Ustinov played a modern-day Santa Anna who incompetently tries to recapture the Alamo. *Viva Max!* was a satire on Johnson as well as the Alamo, and the people of San Antonio objected strongly to the attempted assassination of two Texan legends.

More challenging to the myth than political satire were the new racial and sexual sensitivities of the '60s. Many Americans have remarked during the Queen's visit on her understanding of racial issues. Because Laurence Harvey's superior racist Travis is not far from many Americans' view of British attitudes, that is no small benefit from this tour. At the Alamo museum the Queen will be shown how the women of Texas have become increasingly impatient that their forebears' role during the siege is still portrayed as an idle stoicism rather than loading rifles and mending flags.

The notion of a trinity of white heroes defeating an evil hispanic enemy eventually palled on the Texan hispanics, whose predecessors made up the bulk of the doomed force. In the first surviving Alamo film – *Martyrs of the Alamo* of 1915 – it was fine to ignore the defending Tejanos and to portray Santa Anna as a Kaiser whose aggressive hordes had to be defeated at all costs. By 1986, however, Mexican and hispanic feelings (not to mention the demands of international markets) called for a new approach. In NBC's *Thirteen Days to Glory*, Santa Anna became a charismatic national leader. The trinity was expanded to include local heroes, but not enough to bring in the British defenders, William Blazeby and Richard Starr. The Queen has an opportunity tomorrow, if she wishes to take it, to point out the need for further justice to be done to the true story.

But historical truth has never been as important at the Alamo as the symbolism. For example, Davy Crockett almost certainly did not die fighting the Mexicans but was hanged in the immediate aftermath of defeat. The rifle which the Queen will see belonged to Crockett but was not the one used in his alleged last stand.

The present Alamo mission is nothing like that of 1836 when the fortress was not, as it seems to visitors today, too small to be defended but rather too sprawling to be protected by a mere 189 people. Even the line in the sand was almost certainly never drawn.

To military historians the Alamo was a pointless defence of an unimportant outpost. Its conqueror called it "a small affair". But when a *Harper's* columnist in the late 1950s called the Alamo "the worst military blooper in American history short of Pearl Harbour", he was reviled in much the same way as was Malcolm Muggeridge for his attacks on the Queen. The story of how a ragbag of rich and poor, idealists and adventurers forged themselves into one egalitarian force to fight for freedom has come to stand for the best spirit of America.

"As with the origins of the British monarchy," says Thompson, "you don't want to examine the details too closely but rather concentrate on the symbols from which a nation can draw strength."

The Alamo spirit lives on. When President Bush drew his own "line in the sand" after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, everyone knew what he meant. The Kuwaiti royal family knows its Alamo story too. During the war a Kuwaiti prince was addressed on television as "your highness". "Don't let's colonel, colonel, colonel to each other," the prince replied in the words of John Wayne's Davy Crockett, "or we'll never get anything done."

Ronald Butt

The issue they want to hide

Whether the general election takes place this year or next, the subject determining Britain's long-term future will figure little in the campaign. The voters' verdict will turn on the charge that the government is culpably responsible for inflation, slump and unemployment, on the tax-cost of Labour's programme and on the NHS. But it will be in the interest of neither major party to bring Britain's future in Europe into the argument.

To do so would only show deep divisions in both. (Only the Liberal Democrats unanimously favour federalism.) Each is trimming to the wind in the hope of reaching some kind of safe haven tolerable both to the Community and to the British people. It is a course that may well lead us by stealth to a future without choice.

The European federalists prod us along a tortuous path towards a monetary union that could make federalism inevitable. Of course, there are significant differences among them. The French are anxious to move quickly to a central bank. The Germans do not want such a bank established until all the economies are strong enough not to undermine its policies; they then want a central bank as independent of politics as the Bundesbank was supposed to be until it had to toe the Bonn government's line in the unification period.

In fact, the maiming of the post-war accord between the German central bank and government by their divisions of opinion over policy in the pre and post-unification periods exposes the nature of the problem. Government and bank were at one as long as both shared the post-war culture of anti-inflationary priorities. But once political imperatives drove the government to disregard ideas of financial purity favoured by the bank, politics was bound to win.

If there is to be a European central bank and currency, it would be intolerable in Britain and France, though not theoretically in Germany, for there to be no overseeing central political authority. Today neither Tories nor Labour would be prepared to declare for this kind of "federal" authority with the loss of national political authority over budgets. Yet we are now on the brink of an EMU treaty that would set us on the road to a single currency and central bank by the end of the century with precisely these consequences.

A tactic has been devised by which Britain would not stop other member states moving forward, while they could not force Britain to accompany them. M Delors further supports a suggestion that Britain should be specifically declared free to accept a single currency only by the vote of some future parliament. This is an illusory freedom. We should no more be able to stand aside from the single currency, central bank or any central political authority set up to oversee economic policy than we could now, in practice, exercise our formal right to leave the Community.

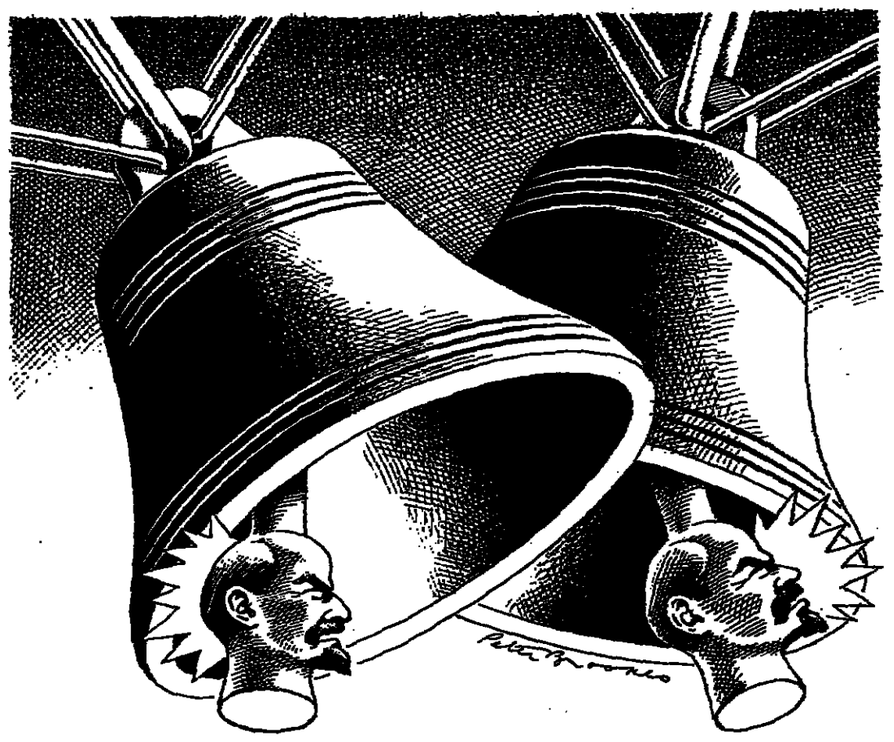
Much closer political co-operation is needed in the Community, especially on foreign and defence policy. But preserving national parliamentary accountability is vital to the Community's stability and to its citizens' freedom. Little real national responsibility will survive if today's politicians pass the buck to a parliament of tomorrow which has been deprived of a real option to resist the gradual shift to a federal Europe by the loss of financial control.

The question now is whether Britain's politicians are prepared to give the rest of the Community the go-ahead to proceed to this form of EMU without us, so making it impossible for Britain not to join eventually. The government argues that the question is hypothetical, that there is no certainty that other states will eventually find the projected changes to be in their own interest and that we shall refuse to be boxed in. But boxed in we shall be if the others are given a free hand to go ahead without us and they choose to do so.

Clarity and candour on the matter will not be freely offered by either major party in the election, but the voters should insist on being told in simple terms where the politicians think we are going.

A joyful day to ring in the old

Bernard Levin on the celebrations soon that will mark the end of 67 years of shame



On June 12, 1458, Magdalen College, Oxford, was founded. On the same day in 1819, Charles Kingsley was born, and on June 12, 1842, Dr Arnold of Rugby died. In 1759, June 12 saw the death of William Collins, and when this notable day came round in 1897 Anthony Eden was born (born to trouble as the sparks fly upwards, as it turned out). Then again, Harriet Martineau (runner-up to Mme de Staël for the title of the Ultimate Bluestocking) was born on June 12, 1802. There was yet another birth on that day, and it is one that will stop every reader for a moment: it was June 12, 1929, and the new baby girl was Anne Frank. Finally, the first railway in Japan was opened on this auspicious day in 1872, and the Rotherhithe Tunnel, likewise, in 1908.

An interesting and varied date, then, is June 12. But all the June 12 milestones I have listed, and all the June 12s that have no notable event to celebrate, *and all the June 12s yet to come – yes, all of them to the end of time* – are nothing to June 12, 1991, which will be with us in some three weeks.

I am not joking; indeed, when I contemplate what is going to happen on June 12 next, I have to fight off the tears, for all that I was the first to prophesy it, amid incredulity and unkind laughter.

On that day, the people of Leningrad will vote in a referendum. The referendum will not, except perhaps metaphorically, decide who governs their municipality, let alone their country; indeed, in all ways but one – but the one is tremendous beyond imagining – it will leave Leningrad exactly as she was before. For the referendum is to decide whether they shall cease to call their brave and noble city by its evil, usurping, shameful name, and re-christen it by the name to which it answered through 211 years of history: St Petersburg.

On 16 June, 1703 (Old Style, and quite right too), the Tsar laid the foundation stone of a mighty fortress, dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul. From then on, the city that rose (with astonishing speed) was called St Petersburg, and St Petersburg it remained until 1914, when it took the pitiful name of Petrograd, only to be thrust even deeper into the mire when, on the death of Lenin in 1924, it sank to the level of being called by his name, and Leningrad it has been ever since.

But no longer, for surely the citizens will not cling to the rotting lie instead of embracing the reincarnated truth. When the members of the city council were asked to vote on the question "Do you want our city to regain its former name of St Petersburg?" there were eight abstentions, 18 Noes, and 229 Ayes, and I cannot think that the citizens will be any less eager to embrace the symbol of their now rapidly approaching freedom.

That freedom has been hard won. It was in Leningrad, in 1934, 17 years after the chains of communism had bound all Russia, that the Great Terror began, when Stalin had his faithful henchman Kirov murdered; it was the signal for the unleashing of a slaughter that eventually took the lives of roughly (no one will ever know for sure) 15 millions of human beings. An almost greater shudder still accompanies, or should, the story of Leningrad's heroic stand in the second world war, when the Leningraders' resistance to the Nazi assault led to a mighty siege; it was called The 900 Days, which was the length of it. The reward of the Leningrad heroes was death; Stalin's paranoia culminated in his having the leaders of the resistance killed. (Incidentally, the article on Leningrad in the new *Encyclopaedia Britannica* has not a word to say on these terrible and tragic events, and reads like the work of a rather dim 17-year-old whose understanding of the Soviet system has been gained entirely from reading an Intourist brochure.)

A different kind of resistance came later; Leningrad bred many of the toughest *refuseniks* – those whose only wish was to leave the Soviet Union, with nothing but what they were wearing, and were refused. But Leningrad has always had braver and more defiant people than Moscow; one recollection of my only visit to the Soviet Union is of the distinct difference between the two that I spotted; Muscovites commonly walked with their eyes cast down, Leningraders with level gaze.

Well, for what Leningrad has suffered and endured, no recompense would be sufficient; for what she has hoped, deliverance is near. And what a deliverance!

The Soviet Union endured for some three-quarters of a century. It was supposed to free all people from bondage and imposed a slavery more terrible and complete than any seen until then; it was heralded as the bringer of equality, and created a ladder of hierarchies steeper than those of the most cruel of ancient emperors; it was defined as a system that would make all mankind one, and turned a mighty nation into 270 million informers, spies and *agents provocateurs*; it was proclaimed as the provider of bounty that would make its citizens uniquely prosperous and comfortable, and scores of millions of families still know no better home than a corner of a crowded room, and scores of millions have grown to maturity without ever setting eyes on meat; it was followed as the light of the world, and turned into the blackest and longest night in the universe. And now, at last, the foul thing is dying, and with it the lie on which it stood.

Well, now. I know of no era or culture which, having the technology to make bells, did not do so. They are, indeed, one of the oldest symbols of mankind's feelings; bells, almost since time began, have accompanied solemn ceremonies and governed scenes of rejoicing, marked notable days and laid down the hearers' duty, warned of attack and signalled victory, roused the sleeping, harried the lazy, informed the unaware and, above all, called the faithful to prayer.

If I find it difficult to believe that the people of Leningrad will vote to retain its justly hated name, I find it unthinkable that they will re-christen their city without the accompaniment of bells. But Leningraders are spirited folk, and if they are going to call upon the bell-ringers to note so splendid an event, they are not going to do it by halves; when the news of the ballot is promulgated, we may be treated to the greatest campanological din in history, with every bell saying the same joyous thing: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations."

Then there will be only one more action for the people of Leningrad to take, accompanied and supported by millions all over the crumbling nation. It is to demand that the ridiculous wax figure in the Red Square mausoleum, which not even the simplest *moujik* now believes is the body of the man whose wickedness enslaved a whole nation, whose successor murdered innocent millions and whose name defiled a great city, should be shovelled into – it is the enslavers' own slogan! – the dustbin of history. And when *that* is achieved, the sound of the bells will deafen the world, and St Petersburg will once again bear a name its citizens can be proud of.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Just outside Nottingham and over the River Trent lies Wilford, where, at St Wilfred's church at 1.30 on Saturday, the wedding took place of Chris, the eldest son of a family I know. Chris was marrying Julie Price, and I was invited.

I started out late. I became lost. I became flustered and cross. I blamed the map. I asked some Asian people the way. They didn't know. I blamed the whole Asian community for never knowing where anything is, and began to see all around me evidence of a conspiracy to conceal Wilford. By 1.25 I had not even found the Trent, let alone the church. There are moments in life when you long for companionship, so that you would have someone to lash out at. I drove on.

Then it was 1.30. Quite suddenly, I didn't care. So I was going to be late. So what? Mick and Ena (Chris's parents) had more important things than that to concern them, and if they noticed my arrival at all would perhaps just be glad I had got there. There would be 100 other people. I had no official role, I wasn't the groom, dammit, I wasn't the best man. It simply didn't matter that the wedding might start without me. Like the final tug at some tangle in my brain, the striking of the half-hour slipped the knot, and it all unravelled. My whole nervous system slackened ten notches. Tension disappeared. Life is short, Matthew: some things, my friend, are of no significance.

These simple truths come to me seldom, but when they do their advent can be sharp and very sweet and I wish they would stay. I wanted to stop the Land Rover and lie in the sun on the grass verge. But I carried on.

On arrival at the church at 1.40 I found a peaceful scene. The congregation was inside, and in the pale sunshine on a Midlands spring afternoon, birds sang, lilac blossomed, and from the church came the sound of a wedding hymn as hymns are always best heard: from a little distance, floating in the air.

Why go in? It would only be rude and cause a fuss. They were getting on fine without me. I stood in the porch for a while and listened. It was a beautiful service but, like the little lame boy who fell behind the Pied Piper's throng, I was no part of it now and could hear the music and prayers only indistinctly, like the murmuring of the sea. I would walk around the churchyard, and listen from outside.

Such headstones as could still be read dated from the 1700s onwards. A type of dark marble, carefully engraved in cursive script, predominated. I began to read. Within, the Carlton male voice choir were leading the congregation magnificently in *Jerusalem*.

Whatever people may feel at bereavement, they usually try to express optimistic sentiments. Most of the dead at Wilford seemed to have "fallen asleep" confident of joining the saints in glory. Their survivors' lapidary remarks were more cosy than passionate, and most might be summed up as antique versions of "Hang on, I'll be along soon".

Reading the inscriptions, I began to feel an admiration for the handful whose authors were jolly well not going to grin and bear it. "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to" is a wonderful lyric, and gravestones can sing it, too.

As the congregation sang of England's pleasant pastures, I encountered this, which is perhaps best quoted in full, without comment:

This tablet commemorates the many virtues and the early loss of a beloved wife and mother, the premature orphanage of her surviving children and the anguish of her bereaved husband. ELIZA the wife of Charles Robinson of Wilford and daughter of Richard Wells of Nottingham. She died February 14, 1836, aged 36 years.

Here also lie the remains of Charles Espin Robinson, their first-born child, and Ellen-Sutton Robinson, their only daughter. The former died March 13 1831 aged 20 months. The latter died at the age of 10 months on the 3rd day after their lamented mother, and lies buried in her arms.

How hard the task, such treasures to resign,
How hard to feel the loss, and not repine!

"In England's green and pleasant land," the choir within sang, concluding their hymn. Reading the headstone, my eyes had filled with tears. Within, Chris and Julie were signing the register. And soon they came out. Everyone was laughing. The vicar had concluded his sermon: "Let me be the first to call you Mr and Mrs Price".

Chris's surname is Patterson.

Old troupers to the rescue



The Tory party in its hour of need is again turning to the old guard who helped Mrs Thatcher to three successive election victories. With the Saatchis already back in harness, senior party figures are now consulting Sir Tim Bell, Mrs Thatcher's favourite advertising man, and Sir Gordon Reece, who was credited with transforming her image.

Bell has been invited to a series of working breakfasts with Sean Woodward, director of campaigning at Central Office, as the party tries to put its election strategy back together after the Monmouth setback. Bell was the key figure in the Saatchi team in the 1979 and 1983 election campaigns but subsequently fell out with his old employees; his present involvement is therefore highly sensitive. He also remains personally close to Mrs Thatcher and has lent staff to her private office. The contacts with Reece are likewise highly discreet.

Chris Patten, the party chairman, is making further changes in key election personnel. He has demoted Angie Bray, formerly chief broadcasting officer and press officer in the unsuccessful Monmouth and Ribble Valley campaigns. In future she will handle only radio while, to her fury, the more important television work has been passed to her less experienced deputy, Simon Brooke. The demotion was a bold one, for Bray was the only member of the Central Office staff temporarily to resign her post to work on John Major's campaign for the party leadership.

A replacement for Harvey Thomas, who masterminded much of the Tories' presentation, is expected to be announced shortly, with Russ Pipe, formerly of ITN, the man most likely to succeed him. However, he will not have the assistance of Fiona Souness, cousin of the Liverpool football manager, who has just left her £30,000-a-year post as design director. For three months she had asked Woodward for a meeting to discuss her future. When she went he had still not agreed to meet her.

● *Delegates to the Police Federation's annual conference opening in Bournemouth today are being offered the chance to buy a handsome vinyl and plastic document case from Taiwan at the special price of £2.50. They were a gift from the Taiwan police, and the original idea was to give them away free. But when Alan Eastwood, the federation's chairman, went to clear the consignment through Customs, his fellow guardians of the law, showing no favour, demanded £1,200 in duty.*

Abbey birthday

When the Council of Bellringers celebrates its centenary this week a select group of 100 amateur campanologists will be let loose on the bells of Westminster Abbey for the first time since the abbey's 900th anniversary 15 years ago.

Chosen from Britain's 40,000 practising bellringers, the group is honoured indeed. Only those who have reached the peak of their art and can master complicated mathematical theories to produce intricate patterns of peals have been invited, says a Westminster Abbey spokesman.

One small problem threatens to spoil their glory. Westminster's noisy bells have temporarily observed A.E. Housman's exhortation to be dumb. Because of restoration work the bell tower is shrouded in plastic sheets and the centenary celebration peals will be virtually inaudible.



Get this strait

Anxious to throw off its public image as a high-security dumping ground for murderers and misfits – Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, and Ronald Kray are among its present inmates (or "clients", as they are to be known) – Broadmoor, the Berkshire psychiatric hospital, has hired a public relations firm.

"People only ever drag up the names of our more famous clients and treat us like some horror movie dungeon," says Alan Franey, general manager. "The criterion for entry here is not that a person has already done something dreadful but that, because of mental illness, they might attempt something foolish in the future."

Andrew Moss of Oxford Health Public Relations, the company hired to improve the image, says: "Broadmoor is misrepresented and misunderstood. It is seen as a Victorian monstrosity where you incarcerate prisoners rather than liberate mentally ill patients." Surely he means "clients"?

Royal pardon

Not me, says Labour MP Bernie Grant after last week's Diary report that he had persuaded an American congressman to boycott the Queen's address to Congress. Gus Savage, a Democrat representative from Illinois, claimed on American television that Grant had telephoned him and complained that the Queen had refused to condemn racial violence on the streets of London. As a result, said Savage, he had staged his one-man protest against "the queen of imperialism".

Now Grant has sprung to Her Majesty's defence. " I am an admirer of the role which the Queen and other members of the royal family have played in matters of racial equality," he says. What's more, he adds, Savage rang him, and not the other way round. So why should an Illinois politician take in vain the name of a British MP almost totally unknown in America? Look no further than the publicity-hungry Rev Al Sharpton, who claimed that his recent trouble-stirring trip to London was at the invitation of ethnic community leaders and who was at Savage's side in the television studio when he made his claim.

● *Most motorists are convinced that there is nothing temporary about the roadworks littering our major routes. Those who dig the holes now seem to agree. A regular user of the A41 in north London reports: "Recently, while attempting to drive past the roadworks in the peak morning rush hour, I witnessed just one lowly (not to say lonely) worker. And just what essential work was he doing? He had a bucket and a mop and was painstakingly washing the cones."*

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THE TIMES PAST

SAVING SICK BUSINESSES

For many businessmen the enterprise culture of the mid-1980s has been replaced by the insolvency crisis of the early 1990s. The latest figures this morning show that 5,478 businesses were liquidated in the first quarter of 1991, the highest for 20 years. Suddenly, entrepreneurs are finding all the cards stacked against them. But it need not be so. The British way of corporate death is more fatalistic than the American way.

In business some of what goes up must come down. Many of these corporate failures represent the bursting of bubbles that were always flawed. The service or product they created was too ephemeral when fashion changed. Or they were so poorly managed that only a climate of irrational optimism made them seem viable. High interest rates may have been the last straw, but the camel's back was already sagging. Such is capitalism.

But not all of them fall into these categories. Too many businesses are being forced into extinction when they could and should have survived. Typically, these are small and middle-sized industrial companies which were making ends meet this time last year, and would probably be viable this time next year. But this year they cannot pay all their bills. Their banks, themselves strapped for cash, judge them too hastily to be terminal cases.

The 1991 recession is the first severe test of the reform of company insolvency which became law in 1986 in the Insolvency Act. It was designed to give extra protection to creditors but also provided a mechanism to enable troubled businesses to continue to trade beyond the point at which, under the old law, they would have had to stop.

The 1986 Act allows for the appointment of an administrator as an alternative to immediate liquidation. This was a modest British attempt to emulate some of the virtues of the American "Section 11" procedure for company rescue. While the law was adjusted, however, normal British business practice was not. Critics, including some of the more radical accountants, describe it still as a culture of failure rather than a culture of recovery. The American Section 11 procedure also has its critics, who see it as too liberal. Be that as it may, many an American business has survived to prosper — and pay their debts — in conditions where an equivalent British company would have gone under.

In Britain appointment of an administrator, particularly one whose powers derive from something as gloomily named as the Insolvency Act, is still regarded as calling in a priest for the last rites rather than summoning the doctor for curative surgery. Some British accountancy firms have seen the American light, even describing their people dealing with company failure as the "corporate recovery department". But an administrator is more often regarded by creditors, suppliers and customers as a receiver by another name, and hope is abandoned the moment he enters.

A change in the Insolvency Act — not only to give it a less despondent name — would take far too long to save those businesses now heading for the scrapheap, but the business culture in Britain can be treated straight away. The accountancy profession — and the newly booming trade of professional liquidator — gets its fees whether the business concerned goes under or not. This means that insolvency administrators have little incentive to avoid the liquidation of the firm under their charge. Perhaps they might be promised a future stake in the business, to encourage them to think positively. And those responsible for professional aims and standards need to switch the emphasis in insolvency work from pessimism to optimism.

The government could of course do most to help by cutting interest rates. Failing that, the onus is on the trade and industry department to ameliorate their effect wherever possible. Some nourishment of an American "Section 11" culture of survival and recovery in Britain is as necessary during the current recession as was the encouragement of wealth-creation enterprise in the last decade. The DTI put its heart into that. It cannot turn its back now.

LAST IN SPACE

No one should begrudge a brief moment of national pride as the Soyuz rocket blasted off from Baikonur with a British astronaut on board. Helen Sharman, the Sheffield food scientist who beat 13,000 others to become the first Briton in space, is someone the whole country can admire: modest, plucky, level-headed, determined to do her best despite the muddle, apathy and international misunderstanding that has dogged the Juno mission.

She has learnt Russian and warmed to the people, despite trying and often primitive training conditions. She has been cheerful where others have been gloomy, resolute while sponsors have doubted and organisers dithered. It has taken courage to overcome the inevitable unhappy parallel with Christa MacAuliffe, the young teacher on board the ill-fated Challenger shuttle.

Britain's pride in her has been dampened by the fact that it is a long way back in the space race. The Russians have taken aloft citizens of all their former East European allies as well as an Afghan, a Cuban, a Syrian and even a man from Outer Mongolia, as well as a fee-paying Japanese journalist.

The Americans, however close their cultural and technological links with Britain, have given precedence to a Dutchman, Germans, a Mexican and a Saudi Arabian prince. Britain has been unable to raise enough enthusiasm to have any claim to commercial or scientific partnership. The costs of the current mission have been underwritten by Moscow Narodny Bank at a huge loss. Most of the mooted British scientific experiments have had to be abandoned; the Russians are noting tartly that they would have made more money from almost any other Western passenger.

Miss Sharman's flight may be one of the last missions to foster good will in space. The novelty of space travel has gone; its scientific usefulness is limited; public support for the cost is waning. The Soviet space programme has so far escaped the turmoil which has overtaken every other aspect of Soviet industry and enterprise. This can only be because it remains firmly under military control and is a continuing symbol of achievement for this beleaguered country.

Now even Moscow is beginning to enforce space budget discipline. The Juno programme was meant to be the start of a profitable venture to whisk West Europeans into orbit for hard cash. The Russians must already be wondering about the wisdom of keeping the Mir station permanently manned when they already hold the record for endurance in space.

Nasa is in much deeper trouble in the United States. The recovery from the Challenger disaster was slow and painful. Public confidence was again shaken by the Hubble affair — the vaunted space telescope whose flaws seemed to reflect further incompetence and bad design.

Nasa's ambitious plans for an orbiting space station have been sharply cut back by a sceptical Congress and by renewed doubts over the value of investment in manned exploration of the cosmos. But the scientific quest cannot and should not be halted altogether. Some of the most valuable results are now being obtained from relatively cheap unmanned probes to other planets. There is no reason why pure research should not continue, using robots and single-shot launchers. Manned space stations have become economic albatrosses. Helen Sharman deserves congratulations, though with some doubts whether many more should follow in her path.

GLORIOUS MUD

Abuse is an honourable tradition in British politics. Nobody knows this better than William Waldegrave, son of a 12th Earl whose title was created in the exceptionally abusive 18th century. In using the word "liar" 13 times about Huw Edwards, the Labour victor in the Monmouth by-election, Mr Waldegrave marked a personal rite of passage after years in which he seemed determined to be the Mr Nice Guy of 20th century Toryism.

Mr Waldegrave is the author of *The Binding of Leviathan*, which gave a warning how modern society still needed to contain its fissiparous Hobbesian tendencies. Should he thus stir things up ? The answer is an unequivocal yes. Blunt speaking and name calling are less dignified features of democracy than voting and rational argument; but they are no less essential to its lively functioning.

When politicians leap from their trenches screaming accusations of deceit, treachery and fraud at one another the public starts to take note. Insulting epithets do for politics what the private sex lives of the stars do for dull movies. Issues otherwise considered far too arcane to oust the state of Gazza's knee from intelligent saloon-bar chat begin to raise the blood pressure. Mr Waldegrave has succeeded in the impossible: making the legal status of trust hospitals — hitherto a conversational substitute for Valium — a talking point among voters.

Mr Waldegrave may be right about a dreary leaflet issued during an intellectually barren by-election campaign. But had he not shouted "liar", steam pouring from his ears, nobody would have noticed the fact. Now he has ensured that the economics of health provision will no longer be a subject only for earnest debate by the caring classes or at thinly attended Commons committees. It is out on the hustings, where politicians do what they do best: wave their arms, denounce their opponents, cry cheat! or whisper softly about queue-jumping and private operations. Here we read about Mr Waldegrave's membership of Bupa; there, of his personal loyalty to the NHS dating from the time its ambulance crews saved his mother's life.

Churchill's famous smear during the 1945 general election that Labour would need "some form of Gestapo" to introduce their policies, or Aneurin Bevan's bitter denunciation of Tories as "lower than vermin", are the kind of remarks that grab public attention. The indifference that greets every debate of the European parliament, the droning of grey men with grey ideas, weakens democracy because it places power in the hands of experts and interest groups. The voters are excluded as firmly as if the proceedings were held in camera.

Some wish to see Britain's more robust political traditions stamped out. Paddy Ashdown called for a rest from "negative and confrontation politics" and told both sides to shut up. He misses the point. Politics is a safety valve: parliamentary democracy the pursuit of civil war by other means. Time alone will tell whether Mr Waldegrave has helped his party; but, win or lose, he has performed a singular service to democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Three more tasks to aid the Kurds

From Lord Hylton

Sir, The Allies, the United Nations and the voluntary organizations have done well in providing food, medicine and tents for the Kurds of Iraq. They have successfully achieved the return of the population of the town of Zakho. This excellent humanitarian work will be put at risk unless three further tasks are now addressed.

The harvest of barley, wheat, etc., ripens in late May or early June. There needs to be sufficient security in the countryside for this to be gathered in. If the harvest is lost, food shortages and possibly famine are likely.

Secondly, it will be necessary to secure the return of the population of the main towns such as Dahuk, Arbil and Sulaymaniyah. These places are important in their own right and because they housed the people from several thousand villages and small towns depopulated and demolished by the Iraqi army between 1986 and 1990.

The third very desirable task is to make possible the return of some 27,000 Kurdish refugees living in three camps in Turkey at Diyarbakir, Mardin and Mus. They are people who fled from poison gas attacks in 1988.

I write as someone with Kurdish friends and acquaintances. It seems to me that the nations have a moral responsibility which needs to be discharged now. I doubt whether this can be done without more troops on the ground. Such forces will need to be disciplined and capable of withstanding extremes of temperature.

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
House of Lords.

A life for a life

From the Director of Nacro

Sir, The home secretary's decision to forgo the power to decide on the release of prisoners serving discretionary life sentences (report, May 15) is welcome. However, his decision to retain this power in murder cases is deeply disappointing, particularly taken together with the likely reversal of the recent peers' vote to abolish the mandatory life sentence.

This means that in relation to murder cases the government has rejected all the recommendations of the House of Lords Select Committee on Murder and Life Imprisonment. While the proposed changes in the operation of life sentences imposed for other offences are welcome, last October's decision of the European Court of Human Rights left the government with little alternative but to make such changes.

The widely-supported proposals of the select committee would have produced a markedly more coherent and just framework for sentencing. Abolishing the mandatory life sentence would have enabled judges to reflect in their sentences the wide variations in types of murder. These range from planned and calculated killings for material gain or political motives to those committed in emotional circumstances of great stress.

The select committee's recommendations would also have ensured that minimum periods in prison were set by trial judges rather than ministers and that eventual release decisions were made by an independent tribunal. This would have ended the present unacceptable system, which amounts to sentencing by executive decree with no right of appeal.

While the European Court's finding that such procedures contravene the European Convention of Human Rights was restricted to discretionary life sentences, they are surely just as objectionable in relation to those serving mandatory life sentences for murder.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN STERN, Director,
National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders,
169 Clapham Road, SW9.
May 15.

Milestone

From Mr Martin F. Marix Evans

Sir, The best thing before sliced bread (letters, May 8, 13, 16)? Manna.

I remain, etc.,
MARTIN F. MARIX EVANS,
Cherryhurst Cottage, Cherry Lane,
Bolney, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Health reforms

From Mr John C. Hughes

Sir, Participants and pundits in the NHS funding squabble ignore the massive contribution of the independent health-care sector in the current statistical "slugfest". Britain's religious veneration of socialised medicine imposes virtual taboo on mention of the subject.

Eight million Britons spend £3 billion a year on private doctoring, hospitals and homes, equal to the largest regional health authority. Nearly 40 per cent of elective surgery and acute psychiatry in the four Thames regions is performed privately. In 1990 the private sector comprised 251 acute hospitals, with 12,310 beds employing 67,557 nurses.

All of us in the industry are proud of our positive contributions and innovations, and hope one day the taboo may be lifted and ecumenical dialogue commence.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN C. HUGHES (Chairman),
Cygnet Health Care,
Godden Green Clinic,
Godden Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mrs Jean B. Soper

Sir, Dr Josse (May 11) rightly wishes to do his best for his patients. However, each patient is not an isolated case. When resources are limited (at whatever level) patients are, unfortunately, in competition with each other for those resources.

If the aim of a health service is to generate the maximum patient benefits from the funding provided, it must allocate its treatments so that patients in total get the greatest benefits. This implies an attempt to quantify the various benefits received by different patients, as well as the resources available to them.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN B. SOPER,
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Economics Department,
University Road,
Leicester.
May 15.

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'Mischief' at Bank over interest cuts

From Sir Simon Gourlay

Sir, In today's leader, "The Bank makes mischief", you quote in full "an unusually outspoken statement" made by the Bank of England. The quotation read:

> The effects of four cuts in interest rates this year have not yet been seen. This and the need to maintain downward pressure on inflation means that there is need for considerable caution over the pace of any further decline in interest rates, when approaching what may be a turning point in the cycle.

That would seem to be a clear and completely accurate statement. Yet it obviously annoyed you intensely, because you see it as having trapped the cabinet and called into question the whole principle of democratic accountability.

But has not this government set the trap by which it is now unhappily but well and truly gripped? It is this government which unavoidably bears the greatest part of the responsibility for the present horrendous recession, and it is this government which some three years ago eschewed every other financial regulator bar interest rates because virtually all others had been tried and found wanting.

You also cite Karl Otto Pöhl's resignation as what happens when an independent central bank clashes with an elected government. By your interpretation, democracy wins. Given the seething discontent, throughout unified Germany, with the result of the elected Mr Kohl having over-ridden the appointed Mr Pöhl, that would appear to be a truly Pyrrhic victory.

For my own business and its further development, as for many thousands of others and several million mortgage payers, it would be wonderful if we could have and sustain lower interest rates. But surely the last thing that anyone must want is another false dawn. Looking at the future prospects for inflation, with this country's 9 per cent year-on-year salary increases, and looking at the respective track records of the politicians and the professionals, I would put greater faith in the professionals.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON GOURLAY,
Hill House Farm,
Knighton, Powys.
May 17.

Monmouth's meaning

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for Worcestershire South (Conservative)

Sir, After the Eastbourne by-election we abandoned Mrs Thatcher; after Ribble Valley we dropped the community charge. What is to go after Monmouth?

It seems that next in the line of fire is the reform of the health service, a policy which encourages doctors and hospital managers to be more responsible to the public and in their use of the public's money. Rightly, the prime minister has firmly defended this policy.

The real cause of the government's troubles lies, of course, in a totally different direction. It was anticipated by myself and others many months ago, when we first argued that unless interest rates were set to serve the direct needs of this country (rather than to maintain the value of sterling at some artificially chosen rate against other European currencies) we would head for a politically disastrous slump.

There is still just time to put matters right before a general election through a sharp reduction in the rate of interest by two to three points to a level comparable to that enjoyed by competitor countries. This would increase investment, reduce unit costs and thus, with present monetary aggregates, *bring down inflation*, improve competitiveness and cut unemployment rates.

We might not then feel the repeated urge to jettison the pieces of a political strategy that, by and large, has served this country so well over the past 10 years.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons.
May 19.

A price worth paying?

From Sir Richard O'Brien

Sir, Norman Lamont must seriously regret his indefensible remark (report, May 17) that soaring unemployment is a "price worth paying" to get inflation down. Not only this comment, but more seriously, the government's apparent unwillingness to tackle Britain's endemic inflation problems directly, sit uneasily alongside the prime minister's expressed hope of a classless society and an opportunity Britain.

There is a decisive difference between the Thatcher downturn of 1980-1 and the Major downturn of 1990-1. This time round the unemployment level necessary to achieve inflation in line with our European competitors is at least half a million higher than it was ten years ago.

Recovery is, of course, what we all want. However, our inflation is so far above that of our competitors, that even a controlled recovery, with little or no further reduction in interest rates, is likely to lead to a massive surge in imports. As a consequence, the trade gap will widen and sterling will come under pressure in the exchange-rate mechanism.

The balance of payments problem can be expected to be compounded by a reversal in the downward trend of average earnings. It had been hoped that ERM membership would discipline pay negotiators, but the Chancellor must wonder how much more unemployment must be created to get wage inflation down to 4-5 per cent in order to keep British industry competitive. It seems clear that, in the absence of a change of policy, he will be forced to slow down the economy and force up unemployment past the three million mark.

What Britain desperately needs is a commitment to full employment. To achieve that objective, two policy changes will be essential — the coordination of pay bargaining in some form or other to keep both unit labour costs in check and to allow the economy to run at a higher level of activity without generating inflation, and higher investment in training and temporary jobs to help disadvantaged people return to work when the upturn comes.

This way the prime minister's objective of a classless society might indeed be achieved.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD O'BRIEN (President),
Campaign for Work, Annexe B,
Tottenham Town Hall, N15.
May 17.

Train doors enquiry

From Captain Paul Branscombe

Sir, I must take issue with the apparently complacent view of the British Rail Board's director of public affairs concerning falls from trains (May 10).

I was travelling today on the InterCity 125 from Plymouth to Paddington, seated within feet of a door which burst open as the train entered a tunnel at speed, just south of Taunton.

From my own observation and the opinions of the three deeply shocked people who were standing adjacent to the door, there is strong prima facie evidence that this spontaneous incident was due to a material failure.

Fortunately nobody was killed on this occasion; but I doubt that British Rail can afford to await the outcome of a prolonged enquiry before taking action.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL BRANSCOMBE,
HMS Cornwall, BFPO Ships.
May 13.

The Bard and Bohemia

From Professor Robert Pynsent

Sir, Sir Peter Thorne and Mr Keil (May 13) are both right about the Bohemian King, Otakar II. At various times before and after the reign of that thirteenth-century king Bohemia owned various Adriatic and Baltic coastal areas.

From 1526 until 1918 (Charles I), with one Stuart hiccup, the Habsburg kings of Bohemia always had coastal possessions. Bohemia became a mythological kingdom only with Oscar Wilde's Florizel of Bohemia and, a few years later, Mr Chamberlain.

Your readers might be interested in the fact that in a fourteenth-century Bohemian chivalrous romance, *Stilfrid*, one of the main characters is Filozofus, King of England and Mesopotamia.

Yours etc.,
R. B. PYNSENT,
University of London,
School of Slavonic and East European Studies,
Senate House, Malet Street, WC1.

From the Chairman of Milton Keynes Health Authority

Sir, A false impression has been given by Guy's Hospital redundancies (report, May 2) that hospital and community trusts will all be shedding labour as a direct result of government NHS reforms, and that patient care will suffer as a result.

This is simply untrue. The population of inner London has been shrinking over the past 25 years, but political pressure has ensured that NHS money has not reduced accordingly. These health reforms are forcing us to face reality.

Milton Keynes Hospital and our community services are in public consultation on trust status. If successful, no redundancies will be envisaged. In fact, when the key reform of per capita funding is implemented, and the special pleading of London hospitals is ignored, we expect to recruit to cater for our growth.

Yours faithfully,
TOM BENYON, Chairman,
Milton Keynes Health Authority,
Milton Keynes Hospital,
Standing Way, Eaglestone,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

No cause to clap in the out-field

From Mr Alan Ross

Sir, A very unattractive habit is developing in first-class cricket these days that makes the watching of it almost intolerable. After almost every ball, whether full toss, half-volley, wide or bouncer, the slips and others clap, this often followed by a rustic grunt.

One can just about justify the captain gingering up his colleagues: but now even the most youthful members, not excluding the substitutes, join in, sometimes leading the way.

Some cricket grounds are empty enough as it is: one does not want attendance to be discouraged even more by this puerile activity.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN ROSS,
30 Thurloe Place, SW7.

Conceding on the Rock

From Mr Philip R. Noakes

Sir, As one of the two officials sent out from London to assist at the 1967 Gibraltar referendum I cannot forget that extraordinary demonstration of the vast majority's wish to remain British. Nor can I accept Sir Anthony Kershaw's assertion (May 14) that "20,000 Gibraltarians ought not to have a veto on British policy". The 1969 Gibraltar Constitution Order gave them that right and imposed on us the duty to protect it.

As for Sir Anthony's assertion that the "wishes of Gibraltarians are not the same as their interest" — a typically British patronising remark — I can assure him that Gibraltarians are very good judges of their own interests indeed.

This would be demonstrated, and justice done, if before any change of status was discussed with the Spanish government, another referendum were to be held.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP NOAKES,
Little St Mary's Lane,
Uplyme, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

From Mr Charles A. Gomez

Sir, Whilst praising the undoubted progress of Spanish democracy, Sir Anthony Kershaw sees no contradiction in his claim that the interests of the Gibraltarians are not the same as their wishes. This is a dangerous statement, which, if accepted, would logically represent a validation of the philosophy held by the likes of Pol Pot and sundry South American dictators.

Sir Anthony interprets the Spanish Constitution as being "flexible enough to accommodate widely different associations". This is false. None of the autonomous regions of Spain are allowed the legislative, judicial and fiscal freedom that Gibraltar enjoys.

There is already good cooperation between Gibraltar and Spain, as the figures for trade between the two countries show. Personal relationships between the two sides are similarly good. Politicians on all sides would do well to give the topic a rest and allow the situation to resolve itself in a natural way.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES A. GOMEZ,
2 Hadfield House, Library Street,
PO Box 659, Gibraltar.

Dangerous dogs

From Mr F. P. Taylor

Sir, It should be compulsory for all dog-owners to take out third party insurance for their pets (letters, May 11). This would achieve two ends.

First, the insurance companies would grade premiums according to the ferocity of the breed. This would impose a penalty on the keeping of dangerous animals.

Secondly, victims of attack and road accidents would automatically receive compensation for injury and damage.

It would also relieve the government of the cost and responsibility of operating a registration or licensing scheme. The dog-owners would pay through the insurance companies.

Yours faithfully,
F. P. TAYLOR,
7 Kingsway,
Frodsham, Cheshire.
May 11.

Chanting the odds

From Ms Dorothy Collard

Sir, In the interests of preventing an outbreak of people shouting "*Amandla*", may I be permitted to point out that it does not mean "freedom" (Ray Kennedy's report, May 15).

The Xhosa word means power, strength or energy. *Amandla gawethu*, the ANC chant, literally means "power to us" or "power to the people". It is not quite the same thing as freedom for the masses.

Yours faithfully,
D. COLLARD,
7 Medina Gardens, Oakley,
Near Basingstoke, Hampshire.

The sound of snoring

From Mr Anthony Nathan

Sir, Mr Gillum's letter ("Somnolent sermon", May 17) reminds me of a school-friend's father who was bullied into a bit of culture some 30 years ago. Snoring rather loudly, somewhere close to the stage of Glyndebourne, he was nudged by Materfamilias. Jolted, he burst into "A doe's a deer, a female deer . . ." from *The Sound of Music*.

They agreed not to go to the opera the following year.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY NATHAN,
1a Cranley Gardens, SW7.
May 17.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 18: The Prince Edward today visited Cambridge. This morning His Royal Highness visited the Transplant Unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital, as Patron attended a meeting of the Cambridge Youth Theatre Trustees at The Perse School and afterwards opened a new building at the School.

This afternoon the Prince Edward visited the Cambridge Regional College, the Cambridge Mencap's Edmund House and, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, attended a Garden Party in the Peterhouse Deer Park.

His Royal Highness was received by Captain Nigel Chancellor, Deputy Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

This morning the Princess Royal, President, Medical Equestrian Association, attended a Spring Meeting at Cheltenham Racecourse, Gloucestershire, and was received by Mr Henry Elwes (Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 18: The Prince and Princess of Wales attended the Football Association Challenge Cup Final Tie at Wembley Stadium.

Commander Alistair Watson, RN was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales attended a concert and dinner in aid of the English National Ballet and British Youth Opera at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

May 19: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Henry Doubleday Research Association, was represented by the Earl Kitchener of Khartoum at the memorial service for Mr Lawrence Hills which was held at Ryton Gardens, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry.

The Princess of Wales attended a concert by the Philharmonia at the Royal Festival Hall.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 18: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), was present today at the 1991 National Parents' Study Day at the University of Bristol, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol, Avon.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 18: The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Final of the Football Association's Challenge Cup Competition at Wembley Stadium.

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Commander Roger Walker, RN were in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Clokey and Miss T. Grant
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs K. Clokey, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Trista, younger daughter of Captain N.A.D. Grant, CBE, RN, retd, and Mrs Grant, of Chagford, Devon.

Mr A.M. Crosbie and Miss S-A. Pennell
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Catherine and Andrew Moncrieff Crosbie, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Sally-Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Pennell, Sytch Lane, Wombourne.

Mr J.J. Dykes and Miss J.E. Hynd
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs John M. Dykes, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Carswell Hynd, of Rotorua, New Zealand.

Mr D.R.H. James and Miss R. Gwynne
The engagement is announced between Rhys, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon James, of Saundersfoot, Dyfed, and Ruth, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Huberi Gwynne, of Manordeilo, Dyfed.

Mr S.J. Jones and Miss A.M. Hartley
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Murray Jones, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hartley, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Mr M.C. Pakenham and Miss L.A.M. Delaryd
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of the Reverend and Mrs Stephen Pakenham, of Frogmore, Devon, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bengt Delaryd, of Repulse Bay, Hong Kong.

Mr B.G. Roberts and Miss E.F. Latham
The engagement is announced between Bryan, only son of Mr and Mrs Glyn Roberts, of Doncaster, South Yorkshire, and Eileen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Latham, of Takeley, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr E.R. Skiggs and Miss C.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between Eric, son of Mr and Mrs E.W.E. Skiggs, of Coxheath, Maidstone, Kent, and Christine Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Davies, of Selborne, Hampshire.

Mr D.A.G. Stuart-Mills and Mrs M.U. Gent
The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of the late Mr John Stuart-Mills, and of Mrs Hugh Pennant-Williams, of Harrop Fold, Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Megan, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter F. Lloyd, of Beaumaris, Anglesey.

Marriages

Sir John Mactaggart and Miss C. Williams
A service of blessing was held on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, after the marriage at Chelsea Register Office, of Sir John Mactaggart, elder son of the late Sir Ian Mactaggart and of Rosemary Lady Belhaven and Stenton, of London, SW6, to Miss Caroline Williams, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Williams, of Esher, Surrey. The Rev Sandy Millar officiated.

Mr D.S. Small and Dr C. Masterson
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, at St Margaret's, Bethersden, Kent, of Mr David Small, son of Mrs Timothy Small, of Holland Park Avenue, London, and the late Timothy Small, to Dr Christine Masterson, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Masterson, of Ashford, Kent.

Mr M.N. Theobald and Miss J.Y. Foord
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 18, at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Saltwood, Kent, of Mr Martin Nigel Theobald, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Theobald, of Canvey Island, Essex, and Miss Jenny Yasmin Foord, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Foord, of Hythe, Kent.

Mr M. Wittet and Miss K. Barlow
The marriage of Mark Wittet and Kathy Barlow took place on Saturday, May 18, at St Aloysius Church, Oxford.

Birthdays today

Mr John Arkell, industrialist and former director of administration, BBC, 82; General Sir Hugh Beach, 68; Sir David Berriman, chairman, North East Thames Regional Health Authority, 63; Sir Clifford Butler, former vice-chancellor of Loughborough University, 69; Mr H.T. Cadbury-Brown, architect, 78; Sir Harry Campion, statistician, 86; the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, ecclesiastical historian, 75; Cher, singer and actress, 45; Professor Richard Cobb, historian, 74.

Flight-Lieutenant J. A. Cruickshank, VC, 71; Mr Lynn Davies, athlete, 49; Mr Keith Fletcher, cricketer, 47; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir John Harrison, 70; Mr Clive Hollick, (life peer), chief executive, MAI, 46; the Earl of Iveagh, 54; the Very Rev Professor John McIntyre, theologian, 75; Viscount Mills, 35; Mr Peter Shore, MP, 67; Sir William Simpson, former trades unionist, 71; Mr James Stewart, actor, 83; Mr Iain Vallance, chairman, British Telecommunications, 48.

Luncheon

Lord High Commissioner
Lord Ross, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Ross gave a luncheon on Saturday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Secretary of State for Scotland, General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billiere, Sir Frederick O'Brien, QC, and Lady O'Brien, the Very Rev Professor and Mrs Robert Davidson, the Dean of the Chapel Royal and Mrs William Morris, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Malcolm Ross, Mr Tom Fleming, and Mr and Mrs James McGregor.

Dinners

Lord High Commissioner
Lord Ross, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Ross gave a dinner on Saturday evening at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Duke of Atholl, the Earl and Countess of Dundee, the Viscount and Viscountess of Arbuthnott, the Master of Lauderdale and Viscountess Maitland, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mrs Lamont, the Very Rev David and Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Bruce Patullo, Mr and Mrs Ian Penman and Mr and Mrs Michael Shea.

Lord High Commissioner
Lord Ross, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Ross gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Cullen, Lady Grant, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Professor Sir Patrick and Lady Forrest, Lieutenant-General and Mrs Peter Graham, Rear-Admiral and Mrs John Greve, the Very Rev Dr and Mrs William McDonald, the Rev Keith and Mrs Angus, the Rev Ian and Mrs Davidson and Mr and Mrs Gavin McCrone.

Abingdon School

The following Scholarship elections have been made for 1991:

Mercers Company Scholarships: S.R. Rajagopalan, Dragon School.
Foundation Major Scholarships: D.M. Ward, R.A.R. Coles and A.J. Williams, Dragon School; N.N. Higginbottom, New College School.
Foundation Exhibitions: A. Simmons, Dragon School; A.C. Palest, New College School.
Music Sixth Form Scholarship: D.A. Franks, New College School-Abingdon School.

Music Scholarship: D.M. Hammersley, Dunmore CPS/Abingdon School.
Music Exhibitions: M.S. Beaumont, St Edmunds RCS/Abingdon School; M.D.B. Pritchard, Slumber Fields School-Abingdon School; M.O. Simpson, Stockport Grammar; JS; A.R. Walpole, Buckland PS, Oxfordshire.
Art and Design Scholarship: M. Simmons, Dragon School.

OBITUARIES

SIR JOHN CUMBER

Sir John Cumber, CMG, MBE, former Administrator of the Cayman Islands, Commissioner of Anguilla, and director general of Save the Children Fund, died in Devon on May 18 aged 70. He was born in Richmond, Surrey on September 30, 1920.



JOHN Cumber was that rarity, a classic public servant of the highest standard who successfully found scope for his ideals through three careers. His working life displayed the precision and discipline of one who early shouldered overseas duties and responsibilities in the second world war and afterwards in the colonial service. Then as director general of Save the Children Fund he brought the organisation to the forefront internationally. His personal and wholly unobtrusive work for the president of the Fund, the Princess Royal, helped bring to general public notice a true recognition of her work.

Cumber came from a family of architects and built his work on the foundations of carefully-drawn structures and the clean-lined presentation of plans and proposals. His sense of fairness and his continual wish to preserve and raise standards gave others confidence in his judgments, first as a soldier in India and the Far East, then as a colonial administrator and magistrate in Africa and the West Indies, and finally in his work for the Save the Children movement.

His controlled personal style overlayed a deeply-compassionate and warm nature which was very rarely expressed other than in his deeds. He saw at a young and impressionable age the harsh effects of human evil as an army major at the Nuremburg trials assisting the British and American prosecutors. This bitter experience stayed with him always. Nuremburg marked the end of his war service with the 9th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers and the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Punjab regiment and his entry into the Colonial Service. After studying at the London School of Economics he served in Kenya until the East African state's independence, reaching the grade of senior district commissioner.

His next step gave him the chance to lead. He was appointed Administrator of the Cayman Islands, where he served from 1964 to 1968. With determination and vigour he grasped the chance to obtain for the Caymanians a much higher quality of life than they had previously experienced without subjecting them to the doubtful benefits of mass tourism which was then being encountered by other West Indian islands. He did this by laying the administrative and legislative framework for the Caymans to become an international financial centre. Visitors today will see the success of his work in the thriving life of the islanders, and schools and other institutions which bear his name.

In 1969 he was appointed Commissioner of Anguilla at a politically turbulent period of the island's history when it had repudiated control from the neighbouring island of St Kitts and reverted to British dependency status.

Cumber joined Save the Children Fund in 1971, serving initially as a field director in southern Sudan. This led quickly to his promotion to overseas director where he was personally responsible for the vast extension of the Save the Children Fund's long-term and emergency work into many new countries, more than doubling its childcare responsibilities. Subsequently, as director general, he contributed greatly to Save the Children Fund's transition from being a movement consisting largely of groups of volunteers working with additional professional help to one which demanded a central professional staff because of its expanded activities. In managing this transition he in no way diminished the vigour and values of a voluntary organisation nor lost the commitment of the existing staff. A measure of the largeness of the task is seen in the growth of income by the Save the Children Fund over his period of service from £3.5 million per annum to £42 million.

Despite the rigour of this work he readily accepted the additional task of Deputy Electoral Commissioner for the elections in Rhodesia following the Lancaster House agreement on Zimbabwe independence. This five month stint marked his last official term of office for the British Government.

As a young man Cumber had studied at the Richmond School of Art and as a result produced a constant flow of drawings throughout his life in both pencil and pen and ink and water colours of the finest detail. Most were cartoons and a particularly fine one translated the major players in the Zimbabwe election into birds led by Lord Soames, the colony's last governor, who took the original home with glee.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and their two sons.

ROBERT PATERSON

Robert Paterson, concert impresario, died on May 12 aged 51 from liver failure. He was born in Devon on March 10, 1940.

ROBERT Paterson was best known for his presentations of such stars as Marlene Dietrich, Shirley Bassey, Duke Ellington and Andy Williams. Although success eventually deserted him, for almost three decades, from 1960, the words "Robert Paterson Presents" announced performances by artists as different in their appeal as Igor Stravinsky, Bing Crosby, André Previn, Charles Aznavour and Credence Clearwater Revival. In one year alone, 1975, he presented more than 1,000 concerts in seven countries.

Paterson was educated in Cape Town and at Cambridge where he studied medicine before deciding on a career in showbusiness. His first job was at the Bristol Old Vic where he worked the lighting console for £5 a week. In 1960 he resolved to become a concert promoter and briefly joined the impresario Victor Hochhauser before striking out on his own. In 1965 he persuaded Igor Stravinsky to travel 3,000 miles to England and a resulting concert in the Festival Hall.

Paterson's lifestyle was often flamboyant. At the height of his success, he would casually take over whole restaurants in Los Angeles or Paris to entertain his friends. He once bought a car for Shirley Bassey merely on a whim. His personality was larger than life, his energy phenomenal. He would stalk the concert halls of Rome seeking accoustic excellence, then fly to New York to argue with an agent the same afternoon. When he was not on the move, he seemed to be forever on the telephone. And he was always late. A three o'clock meeting with Robert Paterson might take place at four, with a car waiting to rush him away to his 3.30 appointment.

But there was one exception to this compulsive lateness: the start of a show. It was his boast that Paterson concerts always started on time and that he himself was always in his seat one split second before the first note sounded.

His marriage to Sybille Stock in 1968 brought a new perspective to his life. Her sunny disposition helped to smooth many paths for him. She became firm friends with Madame Stravinsky and others associated with the Paterson empire. But the marriage did not last. They were divorced in 1974. Misfortune also struck Paterson's business affairs. An Australian deal collapsed and when a bank called in Paterson's personal guarantee, he was forced to sell his home and was reduced to living in a council flat and drawing social security. His financial difficulties were compounded by health problems.

Paterson's technical knowledge was admired by some of the world's finest musicians. But whether he was organising a world tour for Nana Mouskouri or trying to bring Elvis Presley to Europe, whether he was watching his beloved cricket at Lord's or enjoying an argument at the long table in the Garrick Club, one question always recurred in his mind: "What shall I do next?" It is a tragedy for music lovers of all kinds that, in recent years, illness and misfortune deprived them of his answer.

SIR RONALD PRAIN

Sir Ronald Lindsay Prain, OBE, former chairman of the RST Group of Mining Companies, died on May 10 aged 83. He was born in Chile on September 3, 1907.

THE white mineworkers' unions on the Copperbelt, fearing for the future of their jobs, called for Ronald Prain's deportation when he fought them over African advancement in the 1950s. In the face of long and bitter strikes, Prain played a leading part in breaking the established colour bar in the mining industry and creating a firm foundation on which African progression in the industry could be built. In the process — and in his unbending support for multi-racial development in other fields — his popularity among the European population in both Rhodesias was often at a low ebb. But he was never deterred by political pressure or adverse publicity.

Ronald Prain was the last of a small number of industrialists who dominated international mining for more than a quarter of a century after the second world war. He was widely known as "Mister Copper", a title which reflected his leading position as an authority on the red metal in its broadest context. The doggedness he displayed in breaking down colour discrimination in the industry was also apparent in his approach to his companies' marketing and production policies. In 1955, and again in 1964, he broke away from the traditional method of selling on the basis of prices quoted on the London Metal Exchange and offered the group's copper to customers at an "RST producer price", often much lower than the market price.

He made his name in three continents and divided his working life mainly between three capitals: London, New York and Lusaka. It was in Zambia and its Copperbelt that he really established his reputation and made his important contribution to the industrial development and social evolution of central Africa.

Although born in Chile he was sent to England for education and went straight from Cheltenham College to the London metal trading firm of Marshall Brothers. He became chairman of the firm's two successors, Anglo Metal and Ametalco. After catching the eye of Sir Alfred Chester Beatty, chairman of Selection Trust, he was appointed in 1939 to the boards of the principal companies of RST (Rhodesian, later Roan Selection Trust) which Beatty had formed to take charge of his copper-mining interests in Africa. In 1943 Prain became chief executive and in 1950 he succeeded Beatty as chairman.

Thereafter for the next 20 years Prain steered the group through the changing political, economic and social complexities of the two Rhodesias (now Zimbabwe and Zambia). Prain tackled the problems of his group in Africa in a positive way. In 1949, he was the first to grasp the opportunity created by the devaluation of sterling to transform the Copperbelt from what was regarded simply as an interesting exercise in the pioneering of heavy industry in a backward country into an economic asset meriting substantial expansion. Within the next few years he opened three new mines extending the capacity of the group's two biggest producers, Mufulira and Roan Antelope.

Prain's knighthood in 1956 followed appointment to OBE ten years earlier for work during the war when he maintained his RST position and helped to ensure the export of a vital war material. He was drafted to the wartime Ministry of Supply, first to become controller of industrial diamond dies and tools, and later, additionally, controller of quartz crystal supplies for the electronics industries. He always felt, however, that a more appropriate recognition of his wartime services was the fact that his name was on Hitler's list of those marked for execution.

Prain had the knack of guiding discussion in a direction best calculated to produce the maximum practical benefit. In recognition of this ability he was appointed president of the Institute of Metals in 1960. He also won the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy's gold medal for conspicuous service to metalliferous mining.

His wife Esther died in 1987. They are survived by their two sons.

LESLIE WILLIAMS

Sir Michael Clapham writes...

YOUR obituary of Leslie Williams passed over what I believe was his greatest contribution to the future of ICI; and one that should be a paradigm for British industry, some of which is still not prepared for the challenges of 1992.

ICI normally has a ten-year strategic plan based on a 25-year "best guess" scenario. Even so, it took Leslie's energy and persistence to establish in 1960 a group of senior officials called the European Council to plan the company's development of manufacturing plants in what were then the EEC and EFTA. Those of us who drew up the plan did so under his constant pressure; and we recognised that, when the Board accepted the first stage of our recommendations and announced in 1961 the authorisation of a major plant at the mouth of the Rhine, it was his vision that we were implementing: a vision of ICI in a continent which would grow together whether politicians helped or hindered it. In that year ICI's sales in Europe were less than £31 million. Last year they were £3,152 million. I am glad he lived to see his bold concept realized.

Memorial services

Mr Lawrence Hills
The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Henry Doubleday Research Association, was represented by Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, chairman, at a memorial service for Mr Lawrence Hills held yesterday in the grounds of Ryton Gardens, near Coventry. The Rev Peter Watkins officiated and read the lesson.

Mr Alan Gear, chief executive of the association, Mrs Jackie Gear, executive director, and Mr Edward Goldsmith, editor, *The Ecologist*, gave addresses.

Dr Sydney Watson
A memorial service for Dr Sydney Watson was held on Saturday in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The Dean of Christ Church officiated. Mr Peter Lund and Mr William Thomas, Students of Christ Church, read the lessons and Dr R.W. Truman, Student, gave an address.

Service dinners

269 Squadron, RAF, Old Comrades Association
Wing Commander J. H. Thomson, President of the 269 Squadron, RAF, Old Comrades Association, which includes members of the RNAS, presided at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the RAF Club.

No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association
Air Vice-Marshal David Cousins, President of the No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association, and Mrs Cousins received the guests at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the RAF Club. Wing Commander Ian Travers Smith, Officer Commanding No 16 Squadron, was the speaker. Air Commodore R.H. Goodall, chairman, was among others present.

John Lyttle

There will be a memorial service for John Lyttle on Wednesday, June 12, 1991, at noon, at Lambeth Palace Chapel. Tickets are required. Applications should be made to the Chapel Secretary, Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU, by May 31.

Hermann Bondi

Arrogance of certainty

I AM a non-believer in any revealed religion and a scientist. In my acquaintance with scientists I find both belief and non-belief. I know sufficient numbers of scientists of each persuasion to be willing to classify two statements as both being stupid and palpably untrue prejudices, viz, that a person, being a scientist must accordingly be a believer in a revealed religion, or the opposite statement.

Any thinking person must be struck with awe and wonder on contemplating the mystery and complexity of our universe. We scientists have somewhat enlarged our modest island of understanding that is surrounded by a huge ocean of ignorance. Some feel there must be an intelligence, an architect of all this grandeur, an architect that may be called God, but without ascribing to this unknown entity any interest in our human affairs or in our prayers. (If I rightly understand, this was Einstein's view.)

There are also people who believe, as a generalized feeling, that this entity, this God, in some undefined way responds to their trouble and their prayers without claiming that they have any describable or communicable knowledge of this their God. Again, there is revealed religion, the belief that God in some way, different for different religions, revealed himself in some precise communicable manner conveying some absolute truth.

I have no quarrel with the first three stages, but I regard the widespread human tendency to have firm faith in a revealed religion as one of our most negative traits. Indeed, I do not call myself an atheist, but an anti-revelationist. To call myself an atheist would mean denying an entity so differently defined by different people that the denial is meaningless. Some say God is love. I would certainly not wish to deny love. Some say God is nature. I am not so absurd as to deny nature. But the certainty involved in revelation horrifies me, and the historical record of the deeds done in the name of such revelations bears me out.

If one looks at religiosity, the immediate staggering fact is that different people believe firmly and fervently in different and, in many respects, contradictory religions. The very variety of faiths is remarkable, yet each can claim adherents of the highest integrity, sincerity and honesty, utterly convinced of their belief. How anyone can have the arrogance to think that their own belief is right and anybody who thinks differently is wrong passes my comprehension. Surely the overwhelming evidence is that the human mind has the tendency to believe firmly but incorrectly, since at most one of the many competing revealed religions can be right.

Nor am I much impressed by what some regard as threads common to different major religions as regards their theory. What has a non-theistic faith like Buddhism in common with a theistic one like Islam? Why are we to stress likenesses now when people have fought to the death over minute differences in their religions?

There is indeed a common morality among all of us humans, enshrined in the golden rule that one should do to others only as one would have done to oneself. I see this founded in our common humanity, which is why I call myself a Humanist. I see this common morality sometimes supported by religion, sometimes perverted by it. Above all we need to strengthen all that unites us with other humans, where religion so readily divides us. This division by faiths, so often pursued with the utmost cruelty, is what surely we should strive to heal, by relegating religion from the public domain to that of individual belief or non-belief.

What I abhor about revealed religion is its supposed absolute certainty. It is here that I see the real conflict between science and religion. In science we know that our understanding, our theories are only provisional and liable to be upset by experiment and observation. On this basis, so well described by Karl Popper, science indeed has acquired universality with people of different cultures, ideologies, races etc able to cooperate. Science is so successful in this because it is attuned to the basic human characteristic of fallibility. It is the inhuman certainty a believer feels in revelation that is so obnoxious and harmful and unacceptable as a basis for morality.

Of course we must recognize the great role religion has played in history but need not support it. Being an anti-revelationist is in no way arid. It allows one to enjoy freely all that human genius has produced; it allows one to engage untrammelled in the search that is the real joy of living.

Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS, was Master of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Nature notes



WHITETHROAT

BAR-tailed godwits in summer plumage are making their way up the coast to the northern tundra. They are long-legged, long-billed waders, and in this plumage they are a striking cinnamon-pink. Black-tailed godwits are a more southern species and a few nest in English water meadows, notably in the Ouse Washes. They are best distinguished from the bar-tailed by their white wing-bars.

Large numbers of whitethroats are back from Africa and have spaced themselves out along the roadside hedges. They seem to have overcome the collapse in the population that they suffered 20 years ago. Sometimes they sing their vigorous, jerky song on high sprays, sometimes just out of sight on the far side of the hedge. The males have been building flimsy nests of grass for the female to line with cow hair.

There are scented banks of cow parsley beneath the hedges; hogweed leaves are pushing up among them, and their heavier white flowers will take over as the cow parsley fades. The first ox-eye daisies are out among long grass, and the purple flowers of mallow are appearing. In woods, the two-foot high muntjac or mouse-deer, now quite common in this country, are feeding on young bramble leaves.

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Tonbridge School

Scholarships 1991

Academic Awards
Alnatis Scholarship: Thomas Ball, Rose Hill, Tunbridge Wells.
Scholarships (in order of merit): Simon Hedley, Holmewood House, Langton Green; Matthew Bevington (Knightley Scholar), Great Walstead, Lindfield; Ross Avery, Milner Court, Canterbury; Gareth Edwards, Solefield, Sevenoaks; Simon Murray, Yardley Court, Tonbridge; Ian Jansen, Hurstmeres, Downsend, Leatherhead; Alexander Barnes, Yardley Court, Tonbridge; Daniel Bignold, Dulwich College Prep School, Dulwich; Timothy Kocer, Rose Hill, Tunbridge Wells; Neil Finlay, Cranmore School, West Horsley; Timothy Bannister (for 1992), The New Beacon, Sevenoaks; Angus McVean (for 1992), The New Beacon, Sevenoaks.

Exhibitions (in alphabetical order): Alexander Aarvold, Downsend, Leatherhead; Alistair Bewis, Homefield, Sutton; Adam Lloyd, Rose Hill, Tunbridge Wells; Dominic Masterton-Smith, The Mall, Twickenham; Benjamin Meadows, Yardley Court, Tonbridge; Oliver Merrick, Westbourne House, Chichester; Daniel Webb, Holmewood House, Langton Green.

Music
Scholarships (in order of merit): Thomas Ball, Rose Hill, Tunbridge Wells; Duncan Elliott, Westminster Abbey Choir School; Mark Worboys, St John's College School, Cambridge; Geoffrey Silver, Westminster Abbey Choir School; Adam Stein, Hidden Grange, Tunbridge Wells; Benedict Gammer, St John's College School, Cambridge.

Art
Exhibitions (in alphabetical order): Benjamin Appleton, Holmewood House, Langton Green; Edward Bishop, Dulwich College Prep School, Cranbrook; Nicholas Hawkins, Dulwich College Prep School, Cranbrook; Christopher Nicholas, Claremont School, St Leonards.

Junior
Scholarships: Matthew Buckley, Langton Green County Primary School.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will attend a preview of the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.30. Princess Margaret, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra will also visit the show in the evening.

The Princess Royal will open Safeway Food Distribution Centre, Bellshill, Lanarkshire, at 9.30; and will open the rebuilt grandstand at Hamilton Park racecourse at 11.20. Later, as President of Save the Children Fund, she will attend a preview at the Chelsea Flower Show Ground at 7.30, followed by a reception given by Thorn EMI.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Samaritans, will visit a preview of the Chelsea Flower Show at 10.00 to launch the new Samaritan Rose.

Requiem Mass

Sir Rupert Grayson
Requiem Mass for Sir Rupert Grayson was celebrated by Father Wilfrid Tighe in the Little Oratory, Brompton Oratory, on Saturday. Sir Jeremy Grayson and Mr Patrick Grayson read the lessons and Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, gave an address.

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Sing to God, sing praises to his name; prepare a way for him who rides on the clouds. His name is the Lord - be glad in his presence.
Psalm 68:4 GNB

BIRTHS

SAVILLE - On May 9th to Susie (née Pinnington) and Richard, a daughter, Lucy Joanne Campbell, a sister for Giles, Anna and Emma.

SMITH-GANNEY - On May 10th, at the Portland Hospital to Sandra and Ian, a son.

TEBBUTT - On May 13th, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, to Alice (née Lumsden) and Alasdair, a daughter, Lucy Frances. Special thanks to the midwives.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

JAMES:WILLIAMS - On 19th May 1941, at Weston Birt, Gerald to Joan now at Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire.

OLSEN:WILLIAMS - On May 20th 1941, Henry to Beatrice. Still living at Barry Island.

DEATHS

CATTO - On May 17th, Kathleen Muriel, "Sue", dearly loved widow of Robert Catto and formally of Charles Rae. Funeral service at Rhosesolyn Church, 11.30 am, Wednesday 22nd May. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to: Save The Children Fund, c/o The Manager, Midland Bank plc, Williams Street, Holyhead Anglesey.

CHAPMAN - On May 16th, Prudence Mignon (born February 2nd 1920), London stage manager, TV director and Curator of the costume collection for the Inner London Educational Authority. Widow of Edward Chapman, actor. Mrs Chapman is survived by 2 nieces and 2 cousins. Contributions to Brompton Hospital in lieu of flowers. Funeral service at Holy Trinity, Brompton, Tuesday, May 21st at 2pm.

DAVID - Tragically on May 15th 1991, Marshall L., of David of Caswell Bay, Swansea. Dearly beloved husband of Mary and cherished father of Jane and Dominic. Service 2.15 p.m Wednesday May 22nd at St. Mary's Church, Swansea. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Neath V.M.C.A. c/o William Presdee Funeral Director, 1 Stanley St., Mumbles, Swansea. SA3 4NE

FINCH - On May 18th Joyce Fitzmaurice, widow of Ralph Finch, mother of John, Geoffrey and Valerie and 'Mole' to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

FOSTER - On May 16th in Mayday Hospital, Croydon, Gladys Margaret (Feltz), beloved wife of Tony, adored mother of Piers and Nicholas and devoted grandmother of Oliver. She gave joy and happiness to so many. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium on Wednesday May 22nd at 3.30 pm. Flowers, or if preferred, donations, to Save The Children Fund, may be sent to JB Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George Street, Croydon.

KELLY - On May 17th peacefully after a long illness, in Houston Texas, Vera Elizabeth beloved wife of the late Owen Arthur 'Tom' and devoted mother of Stephen. All enquiries to Freeman Bros (0403) 54890.

NICHOL - On May 16th, peacefully in her home, Dorothy Blanche, aged 91 years. Funeral 11am on Thursday, May 23rd at Chelsea Old Church, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8 by 10am. Contributions if desired to The British Red Cross Society, Kensington and Chelsea Centre, 67 Old Church Street, SW3.

OGLE - On May 16th 1991, after a brief illness in London, Bachoo. Adored wife of Michael. Mother of Angus and Robin, daughter of Themina and sister of Farroish. Bombay. Funeral Service Putney Vale Crematorium Friday May 24th at 11.15 am. All enquiries please to J H Kenyon Ltd. Tel 071-937 0372.

OWEN - On May 18th, David Wells, beloved husband of Mary, quietly at home. Requiem Mass at St. John's Beaminster, on Wednesday, May 22nd at 10.30. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to the Dorset Hospice Charitable Trust, Edward Road, Dorchester. DT1 2HL.

STANLEY - On May 14th 1991, Dorothy, widow of Dr. Cuthbert Stanley, Malaysian Medical Service (who died in Changi December 1st 1943). Dearly loved mother of Erika and Nigel and Grandmother of Richard, Belinda, William and Rupert.

STAVERT on May 18th 1991, George William and (Sandy) Major KOSB retired, peacefully in the Macmillan unit, King Edward VII hosp. Midhurst. Greatly loved and missed by his wife Jennifer, family and friends. Cremation private, thanksgiving service at St John the Baptist, Kirdford at 2.30pm on Thursday June 6th. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan fund or the Royal British Legion.

TURNBULL - On May 16th, peacefully at home, aged 84, Sylvia (Barry) (née Burbidge), of Sunningdale and late of Ennismore Gardens, London, sister of Pip Holman. Service at Woking Crematorium on Thursday, May 23rd, at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only to F.Harrison & Son, 40 Harvest Rd., Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CODRINGTON - A Memorial Service for the late John Alfred Codrington, late Lieutenant Colonel, Coldstream Guards will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, on Tuesday May 21st 1991. Musical prologue 11.30 am. Service 12 noon. All are welcome.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

CURLING - Desmond, a gallant Greenjacket, killed in Crete, May 20th 1941, aged 22 years. Deeply missed by all his family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

NICHOLSON - W.P.L. Always close to our hearts. 19/5/72.

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No 32 Sqn RFC and RAF. The 75th anniversary celebrations of the formation of No 32 Sqn will take place on 28th and 29th September 1991. Any ex-members wishing to attend should contact the Adjutant, 32 Sqn, RAF Northolt. Tel: 081-845-2200 Ext 281.

RESEARCHER seeks people who have bought houses which have been the subject of repossession proceedings. Please Reply to Box No 3657

SERVICE DINNER - The Members of Intake 40 Yatms Company (4 Jan. 66 to 15 Dec. 67) dined in London on Sat. 18th May to mark the 25th anniversary of their formation at The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Col. M. J. Cooper was in the chair. E. Yirimansbo Esq. and A.E.T. Boston Esq. were the speakers.

BIRTHDAYS

POLLY - Happy 21st Birthday Darling. M and D. C and B. 20/5/91

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LEGAL NOTICES

Advertisement of Creditors' Meeting Under Section 49(2) of The Insolvency Act 1986
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CANNON DAVIS ASSOCIATES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 49(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD at 2.30 pm on 29 May 1991, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receivers under section 48 of the said Act.

The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

a) they have delivered to us at the address shown below, no later than 12.00 hours on 28 May 1991, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

b) there has been lodged with us any form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Date: 16/5/91
L.GIBSON
and R.D HEWITT
Administrative Receivers

BEACON SIGNS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, on Thursday, the 30th day of May, 1991 at 12.00 for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Associates, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated the 13th day of May 1991
ANDREA MASON
Director

Insolvency Act 1986
In the Brighton County Court
No 24 of 1991
In the Matter of
DERMOTT ELLIOTT of
17 Ashmere Close Peacehaven, East Sussex

Notice is hereby given that on 7th May 1991 I was appointed Trustee of the above named Bankrupt.

Creditors of the Bankrupt who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: Leonard Curtis & Associates, 20 New Road, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 1UF.

Y D Goodman F.C.A
Trustee

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SCG SERVICES LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
(FORMERLY SCLAWAT PLC)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 49(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS of the above company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX on 24 May 1991 at 10.30 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11 (1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that: a) he has given to the administrative receiver not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2) (7) and, (b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Dated this 9th day of May 1991
D M Ghosh FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

FLUID STATE DEVICES LIMITED
(formerly Theatre Projects Consultants Limited)
AND
MAGNOLIA NO.5 LIMITED
(formerly Theatre Projects Limited)
(BOTH IN LIQUIDATION)

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that we, John Perry Richards, of Touche Ross & Co., 65/67 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX, and Geoffrey C.P. A Morrants of Cape and Dalgleish, 4C1 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above companies by the creditors on 6th March 1991.

Creditors who have not yet submitted claims should submit proof of debt to John Perry Richards Dated this 2nd day of May 1991
J P RICHARDS
Joint Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TENSATOR PRODUCTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS of the above company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX on 24 May 1991 at 11.00 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

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Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF MARK LINES CONTRACTORS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Dennis Coleman of St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 22nd April 1991.

Creditors are required on or before the 1st July 1991 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debtors are proved.

Dated this Thirteenth Day Of May 1991
JOHN DONALD COLEMAN
(Liquidator)

IN THE MATTER OF ANGLO CONTINENTAL LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 13th May 1991.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1991
Keith David Goodman
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P O Box 883
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

No 386 of 1991
In the High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Manchester District Registry
District Judge D.S. Cain in Chambers Tuesday the 14th day of May 1991

In the Matter of
RIVA GROUP Plc
And in the Matter of
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of May 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company by the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of the said Company to the extent of £13,111,791.83

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Scott Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster at the High Court of Justice, Crown Square, Manchester, M16 9DJ on Monday the 10th day of June 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of that hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 14th day of May 1991
Slater Heelis of 71 Princess Street, Manchester, M2 4HL
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Re: Creditors Meeting
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PARKDALE HOLDINGS PLC
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
COMPANY NUMBER 02378619

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to S.48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the Seminar Room, Priory Court, 68 Crutched Friars, Tradegro EC3P on Tuesday 4th June 1991 at 10.30 am.

In accordance with Rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor shall only be entitled to vote if:

a) Details of any debt claimed are submitted to the Receiver in writing and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2) (7) and,

b) A form of proxy is lodged with the Receivers which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to vote but may be represented at the meeting.

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NEW RELEASES

FILOFAX (12): Escaped prisoner James Belushi makes hay with Charles Grodin's personal organiser. Weak, dawdling comedy; director, Arthur Hiller. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ L.A. STORY (15): Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson. Cannons Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ OVER HER DEAD BODY (15): Elizabeth Perkins tries hard to dispose of her sister's corpse. Failed black comedy, full of screams but little wit. Director, Maurice Phillips. Cannons Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

♦ ROBIN HOOD (PG): Silly re-hash of the outlaw legend; visually drab, though Patrick Bergin's hero is pleasant enough. Uma Thurman, Jurgen Prochnow; director, John Irvin. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin) Somewhat arch, but tender. Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

AY CARMELA! (12): Carlos Saura's boisterous, but shallow tale of travelling actors embroiled in the Spanish Civil War. Carmen Maura, Andres Pajares. Lumière (071-836 0691).

THE BALLAD OF THE SAD CAFE (15): Erratic rendering of Carson McCullers' bizarre tale of sexual conflict. Vanessa Redgrave, Keith Carradine; director, Simon Callow. Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; an hugely appealing salute to the movies. Premiere (071-439 4470).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

THE COMPANY OF STRANGERS (PG): Seven senior citizens are marooned in the countryside. Magical exploration of old age from Canadian director Cynthia Scott. Barbican (071-638 8891).

♦ CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau. Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ THE DOORS (18): Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (a good impersonation from Val Kilmer). Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeons: High Street Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (0426 814096) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly vausdised, but windy drama. from the My Left Foot team. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

♦ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy, starring Gérard Depardieu and Andie MacDowell; director, Peter Weir. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ HAMLET (U): Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli. Barbican (071-638 8891) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

IN THE REALM OF THE SENSES (18): Nagisa Oshima's challenging, erotic epic of 1976, beautifully photographed. Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

♦ MISERY (18): Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner. Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NIGHT SUN (12): Tolstoy's *Father Sergius* adapted by the Taviani Brothers. A modest performance by Julian Sands as the monk struggling with earthly sins, but the images glow with magic. Renoir (071-837 8402) Minerva (071-235 4225).

♦ SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tatie Chelton. Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

♦ WHITE PALACE (18): Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

Modesty and magnificence

DONALD COOPER



Heroic performance: Monte Jaffe in the title role of *Timon of Athens*

OPERA

Timon of Athens
Coliseum

RECURRENT productions of the same Shakespeare play usually mean that the text in question is on the A Level syllabus, but I suspect there is rather more to this year's emphasis on the bleakest piece in the canon. For Stephen Oliver it must be so. In the last two decades he has written more operas than all other British composers put together: the English National Opera programme lists 47 of them. And yet *Timon of Athens* is his first to be presented by a major company in this country. He is in the strange position of being an outsider who is also, in terms of experience and flair, very much an insider. Perhaps this accounts for the curious combination of qualities in his new opera: abundant skill and energy with a creative modesty, even humility.

The modesty and the skill show themselves in the shaping of the libretto. Oliver cunningly keeps the skeleton of the play intact, and the phraseology; but this is a dubious piety. Because the action is so much directed by the play, what we see on stage loses its claim to offer a direct experience of the subject. So Timon's abasement at the start of the second act, to take a crucial instance, comes about not because of what he has learned in the first act but because he is being Timon of Athens and we have reached Act IV Scene 1.

This problem is exacerbated by Oliver's second kind of respectfulness, which is to a tradition of operatic dramaturgy unchanged since Verdi, a tradition according to which the business of music is with emphasising emotion and atmosphere. That tradition provides *Timon* with models in Tippett and Britten, *Billy Budd* being inevitably called to mind by the concentration on male voices (though Oliver's preponderance of basses and baritones makes for a robuster feel) and by the interruption of naturalism for little musical set-pieces.

Oliver also has a Brittenish gift for vocal characterisation. The central role has a magnificence that carries through from the liberality of the first act into the misanthropy of the second: Monte Jaffe, who was Lear here only a couple of months ago, provides another heroic performance, even if some of the lyricism is lost. In the second act he is helped by the awful grey cubicle of slag and filthy water into which Chris Dyer's set pits him.

His four false friends appear most usually as a team: one of the opera's best moments is their meeting before the supper of water and stones, when their lines are hesitant and blanched, and the orchestra suggests a slow, strained viol consort, everything contributing to an effect of expectancy. But David Marsh stands out among the group as a bass Sempronius of Russian firmness and power (there is something Russian too, as well as something Levantine, in the 20th-century costumes). Nicholas Folwell as Mutius (the play's Flavius) excellently conveys the lesson that goodness is quiet and careful, though it is left to Gregory Yurisich's splendid, bear-like Alcibiades to perform the ultimate good act, for which the music tactfully withdraws, in helping Timon to kill himself.

This is, of course, one of Oliver's alterations to the text, and it works well. More puzzling is the use of lines from William Alabaster as epilogue: they give the opera a strikingly resolute, even defiant ending (by contrast with the bizarrely casual dribbling away of the first act), but it is not clear what the resolve and the defiance mean.

Graham Vick's production is a masterpiece of economy and briskness: the masque (featuring the splendid, confident duo of boys, Charley Henderson and Nathan Watts) is just one moment of magic, conjured up and then flattened by the arrival of the debt collectors. Graeme Jenkins and the orchestra too — the brass and percussion spectacularly brave in the second act, the sinuous exotic music for Apemantus beautifully placed — give the work all they have got.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

DANCE

Homenaje a K
The Place

SPIT and polish. The words run off the tongue as a multiple noun, though the Spanish group Ananda Dansa treated them as imperatives. The men spit on the floor and rub away to clean it; the women try to clean up the men in the same way. This is one of many visual metaphors in their show, *Homenaje a K*.

If the "K" to whom they pay homage is the obvious Kafka hero, their Spanish experience has brought a different view of life under oppression. Theirs is a world where everyone wears black imitation leather uniforms. A strange virus affects them, causing people who have just been chatting happily as they walk, to break into a limping, compulsive goose-step.

Whatever disasters befall, they try to pretend everything is normal. Women continue their conversation while somebody takes their household goods. Rape and violence erupt and are quickly forgotten. A battle between the sexes ends with lovey-dovey consoling gestures.

The troubles begin with a figure from a painting changing places with a museum sightseer. They end with emblems of tourism — a flamenco dress, a bull's head, a lobster — ironically displayed in front of a wall painted with outlines of a man's shape, red blobs marking his injuries. The presentation (concept and direction by Edison Valls) takes the form of a series of episodes mixing mime, dance and natural acting accompanied by Pep Llopis's score in many moods, often pretending to diffuse the violence by their cheerful melodies. The eight performers put the work over strongly but without exaggeration.

This was the last production in the Holsten Horizons season at The Place; nine companies from seven European countries within one month. There is no point in pretending they were all masterpieces, but I found only one real dud among them. What is interesting, looking back, is the different ways they found of embodying ideas into movement and visual images. What I find sad is that so few of our own dancemakers (or critics) took the opportunity to see John Ashford's enterprising programming.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE

The Floater
Latchmere, Battersea

ASSORTED relatives gather to pay their last respects to Tommy Boggin, prematurely dead butterfly collector, laid out amid his extensive haul of lepidoptera. Somebody has spent ages cutting out wings — stuck to the walls are red admirals, swallowtails, marbled whites, the odd Norwegian blue — and these colourful paper things are much the prettiest (and liveliest) creatures on show.

The relatives are a grotesque bunch. Wheelchair-bound Grandma (Belinda Blanchard), with peculiar and unexplained prosthesis attached to her cheeks, whimpers and wheezes until given a sausage to suck; she then extrudes it down her grey dewlaps and breaks wind in delight. Niece Mary (slumped and vacant-eyed in Grainne Keegan's well-observed performance) occupies herself by printing jam slices onto her blouse. There is an albino vicar with bright red ears (a nice study in extreme Anglican ineffectuality by Andrew Durant).

The others, apparently more normal, are far worse. Prim sister Edith (Dawn Alleyn) and lecherous cousin Pomfrey (Joe Cushley) are only interested in the contents of the will and who will get the house.

What is all this about? From time to time Tommy (Tim Stone desperately trying to inject life into a dead role) gets off his bier to interpret the actions of his relatives, which hardly need interpreting, and give us the benefit of some philosophy.

Tommy, you see, can remember being a sperm, and then what it was like in his mother's womb. He did not want to come out. "Once you are born, you begin to die." This is hardly a new thought, but it has never been more applicable than to this dramatisation by the Lancastrian Tony Costa of his novel. The assembly of types is funny in itself, but the structure is entirely predictable and there is little momentum of plot, character or idea. It is downhill all the way, though the odd laugh enlivens the descent ("Have a butterfly cake, vicar — be a devil").

The charitably inclined should know that all the proceeds of Octavia Wiseman's production go to Crisis, the organisation for the homeless.

HARRY EYRES

CONCERT

Mozart to Post-Modernism
Blackheath Concert Halls

ALREADY this series of four New Macnaghten concerts, each intended to include a new work as well as the statutory Mozart, has netted praise for both concept and content. In the last concert the world premiere did not, alas, materialise, but there was no such disappointment in the penultimate concert, in which Andrew Simpson's Symphony for Five Instruments, a piece of high confidence and skill by a composer still in his early twenties, was unveiled on schedule. Simpson's principal theme is the famous eleven-note row in Mozart's late G minor Symphony, as good a starting point as any but symbolic only of a spirit of creative adventure.

That said, the piece is a symphony in four movements shaped in recognisable classical form. Moreover, each of them boldly bears the emotional stamp of its 18th-century equivalent. Its first movement, for instance, is a substantial, well argued sonata-like structure; the slow movement a ripely inventive elaboration; and the third movement a Scherzo and Trio tinged with veiled colours. The finale, meanwhile, convincingly mirrors a late Mozart rondo in both shape and flavour although, true to the spirit of our age, Simpson refracts the image so that the exciting becomes almost frenetic. Perhaps that feeling was unduly exacerbated when the marimba player, Gregory Knowles, temporarily lost his music and for a few tense bars we heard a sparer texture than the composer envisaged. The recovery, however, was commendably cool, and the playing of the entire, unnamed quintet, which also included flute (Kathryn Lukas), oboe (George Caird), viola (Simon Rowland-Jones) and cello (Jonathan Williams), performed magnificently.

To balance this piece — whose unpretentious language and classical stance may owe something to the music of that other Simpson, Robert — there were some pretty arrangements for flute and oboe made anonymously around 1809 and 1792 from arias and duets in *Don Giovanni* and *Così fan tutte* which were here interspersed with some revealing readings, intelligently chosen and delivered by Michael Oliver. He took centre-stage in Rowland-Jones's own *River Gods* (1986), in which the composer provides perfectly weighted ambient music for solo viola while the narrator declaims some of Stevie Smith's darkest and funniest lines.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
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☑ ALL FOR LOVE: Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat. 4pm.

☑ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 185mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat. 5pm. 135mins.

■ EDWARD II: Simon Russell Beale and Ciaran Hinds outstanding as the gay king and his venomous enemy. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 180mins

☐ THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR: Timothy Spall splendidly yobbish in sprightly Gogol revival. Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat. 2.30pm. 150mins.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others ensnared by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☑ INVISIBLE FRIENDS: Uneasily comic Ayckbourn "family show", about a girl's fantasies turning real. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☑ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole as the drunk-about-town columnist. Final week.

☐ KIT AND THE WIDOW — LAVISHLY RE-MOUNTED: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson's. Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm 135mins

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat. 4.30pm. 150mins.

☑ THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER: Sarah Brightman takes us through her ex-husband's oeuvre, helped by several frock changes. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 135mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins

☑ THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS: Judi Dench and Niamh Cusack stand out in Sam Mendes' otherwise disappointing production. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. 170mins.

☐ RE: JOYCE!: Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat. 3pm. 140mins.

☐ SAME OLD MOON: Irish girl discovers sex, literature and paternal love in over-familiar tale. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 105mins.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's sensitive production with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat. 3pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115). . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107). . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5399) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1116) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132). . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 1pm.

PAUL MOTIAN: The formidable avant-garde jazz drummer heads a trio featuring the equally formidable tenor saxophonist Joe Lovano and guitarist Bill Frisell. Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), 8.30pm.

EDOUARD VUILLARD: Most exquisite among the French artists who emerged in the wake of the Impressionists, Vuillard depicted intimate domestic scenes in a succession of decorative interiors. He also loved the theatre, and some of the early pictures of performers and patrons are almost up to Lautrec's. A dazzling display. JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davis Street, London W1 (071-493 2630), 10am-5.30pm, until June 28.

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Bernard Haitink conducts the orchestra in Mahler's Seventh Symphony. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA: Tonight's programme begins with Chopin's Second Piano Concerto performed by Tamas Vasary, who then conducts Honegger's Fourth Symphony followed by Mendelssohn's *Italian* symphony. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

HARRY CONNICK JR AND HIS ORCHESTRA: Acclaimed as the new Sinatra, the fresh faced American singer-songwriter brings his 15-piece jazz band to the UK. First of three performances at this venue. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9999), 7pm.

FELICITY LOTT: The much-respected soprano is accompanied by pianist Graham Johnson for a recital of songs by Schumann.

PIONEERS OF MODERN FURNITURE: This show presents an amazing range of modern-classic furniture, from pieces by the early 20th-century Viennese masters such as Loos and Wagner, through to Bauhaus examples by Mies van der Rohe and Marcel Breuer, and "organic" Fifties works by Eames. Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (071-839 3942), 10am-5.30pm, until May 31.

BILLY ECKSTINE: Ballads and blues from the internationally renowned singer. Start of a two-week residency. Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 8.30pm.

SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: The hit Sixties musical, in a new touring production starring Gary Glitter as the Club A Go-Go manager, arrives in Sunderland. The production is touring until July. Next stop: Glasgow. Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091-514 2517), 7.30pm.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 20

FABIAN

(c) One of Olivia's upper servants in *Twelfth Night*, he spends his time carousing with Sir Toby, and plotting with Maria against Malvolio. He is a jovial presence in most of the comic scenes, but speaks few lines, and has no character.

CORIN

(b) Shepherd in *As You Like It*, older colleague of Silvius. His talk with Touchstone reveals him as a rustic sage: "Sir, I am a true labourer: I earn that I eat, get that I wear, owe no man hate, envy no man's happiness, glad of other men's good."

ANTIOCHUS

(a) Wicked king of Antioch in *Pericles*. He sets his daughter's suitors a riddle. The answer is the girl, and the riddle refers to her incest with Antiochus. A cardboard character, his death by lightning is the most interesting thing about him.

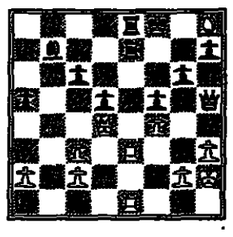
IDEN

(c) Alexander Iden, in *Henry VI*, part two, a Kentish gentleman who finds Cade in his peaceful garden (a symbol of England threatened by Cade's rebellion), and cuts off his head.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

In today's position, from the game Sakate - Konate, Novi Sad 1990, white forced checkmate with an attractive combination. Can you see it?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News. Includes an item on the battle between Coke and Pepsi in Japan; and the first of a week-long series of reports on the economy of the Channel Islands. Presented by Fiona Foster and David Willis
9.05 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford with guests, chat and music 9.45 Dish of the Day 9.55 It's Easy. Dressmaking ideas
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 Stoppit and Tidyup (r) 10.35 The Hogan Family. American domestic sitcom starring Jason Bateman (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Antiques Roadshow Gems. Hugh Scully presents the weekly rummage through the *Roadshow* archives 12.20 Scene Today 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Who's Bluffing Who? Ulrika Jonsson and Richard Cartridge host the game show in which contestants must decide who is lying and who is telling the truth
2.15 Starsky And Hutch. David Soul and Paul Michael Glaser star as the streetwise cops 3.00 Head Of The Class. American sitcom
3.25 Bazaar. Nerys Hughes introduces money-saving hints and tips
3.50 Bananaman (r) 3.55 Quack Chat Show (r) 4.10 Cuckoo Land. Drama series from New Zealand about a travelling family who discover a land where all is not what it seems 4.35 Thundercats
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. The guests include one of three survivors from the battlecruiser HMS Hood which was sunk in the Atlantic by the German battleship Bismark 50 years ago
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Actor Robert De Niro joins Terry Wogan to promote his new film *Guilty by Suspicion*. Other guests include De Niro's co-star Sam Wanamaker and singer Harry Connick Jnr
7.30 Family Matters. John Humphrys asks if honesty in marriage really is the best policy. Or, if familiarity breeds contempt, are some things best kept secret? Joanna Kaye meets couples of both persuasions
8.00 Takeover Bid. Bruce Forsyth does his best to breathe life into a formula game show. (Ceefax)
8.30 Birds Of A Feather. Sparky, streetwise comedy starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson as two south London sisters whose husbands are in prison (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: Scuttling British Shipbuilding. A report by Fred Emery on how an industry in which Britain was once a world leader now has only two merchant shipbuilders, both of which are Norwegian owned.
10.10 Law And Order. American drama combining street-level police investigation and court-room action. New York detectives Greevy (George Dzunda) and Logan (Christopher Noth) investigate a killing involving Aids and euthanasia. Northern Ireland: Bringing it all Back Home



Witness for the prosecution: Charlotte Keatley (11.00pm)

11.00 Great Expectations: Half the Story.
● CHOICE: How many pieces played by the London Symphony Orchestra in its 1989-90 season were composed or conducted by women? Answer: none. How many plays written or directed by women are put on by the Royal Shakespeare Company or the National Theatre? Very few. How many of the 1,500 works on show at the National Gallery are by women? Just four. These telling statistics are cited by the theatre director Brigid Larmour to support her thesis that women still have a very raw deal in the arts. As witnesses for the prosecution she calls the playwright Charlotte Keatley and a young composer, Errollyn Wallen. No one can quite explain why women are so much on the margin of artistic creation or suggest what might be done about it. Curiously the film does not mention the great exception to the rule, literature, where women have held their own, at least since Jane Austen. Northern Ireland: Law and Order 11.45 Great Expectations 12.15 Balloon
11.30 Balloon. *The fifth of six programmes in the history-from-the-air series (r)*
12.00 Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Origins of State Social Work 7.10 King Frederick and Voltaire. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminstar
8.30 Daytime on Two
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime. *The Elves and the Shoemaker*
2.15 Regional Parliamentary Programmes (r). Northern Ireland: Catch Of The Day 2.45 Of Green Men And Blue Trains. A sentimental journey on Glasgow's trams, due to be put out to pasture in 1962 (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by Songs of Praise (r) 3.35 The Collectors. Adam McNaughtan, a collector of children's street songs and games (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 WideWorld: The Travels Of "Pong" Barley. Nigel Barley, eccentric anthropologist and author, visits Indonesia (r) 4.50 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Wensleydale (r)
5.00 Film: Whistle Down The Wind (1961, b/w). A delightful tale about three children who find a man hiding in the barn on their remote farm in the north. In their rural innocence they believe him to be Jesus Christ, but his true identity is something more sordid. The cast is led by a fresh-faced Hayley Mills and a sallow Alan Bates as the Man. A fine script by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall and sensitive direction, on his debut, by Bryan Forbes
6.35 DEF II begins with Dance Energy 2. Normski and the crew reveal the hippest and hypest in dance music 7.15 Liquid Television. New series combining animation, puppets and comic strip characters
7.40 Open Space: Detained At Her Majesty's Pleasure.
● CHOICE: The community access slot is given over to five inmates of a secure unit in Lancashire run for boys convicted of serious offences, including murder, who are too young to be sent to prison. With an emphasis on rehabilitation rather than punishment, the unit claims a good success rate. The boys seem to respond to the judicious mixture of discipline and freedom and stand a good chance of not turning into hardened criminals. One says that if he had gone straight to prison, he would probably have killed himself. Another says he appreciates being treated as a human being. The film is not overtly political but it is an implicit endorsement of a brave social experiment. The unit is only one of half a dozen in the country and Lancashire social services is withdrawing from its management next year. Unless another body can be found to take the unit over, it is likely to close



To rehabilitate rather than punish: a juvenile offender (7.40pm)

8.10 Horizon: Camelford — A Bitter Aftertaste.
● CHOICE: In July 1988 a lorry delivering aluminium sulphate to the South West Water Authority in Cornwall discharged its load into the wrong tank and 20 tons of aluminium went directly into the water supply. The people of Camelford and the surrounding area started complaining of dizziness, vomiting, ulcers and stomach cramps. The Clayton committee set up by the government put these symptoms down to neurotic anxiety and dismissed the notion that the intake of aluminium might have effects on the brain. Teresa Hunt's film suggests that the evidence was brushed aside too lightly. It quotes scientists convinced that it was the aluminium, not neurosis, that was responsible not only for the immediate illnesses but longer-term effects such as joint pains and memory loss. Last year the Clayton committee was reassembled. The locals are sceptical. But they are desperate to be reassured. (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: Citizens Band (1977). Likeable offbeat comedy from American cult director Jonathan Demme. Blaine Lovejoy not only operates the town's emergency rescue service on citizen's band but seems to conduct the rest of his life across the CB airwaves as well. Between trying to placate his girlfriend, calming a resentful brother, finding a wandering father and sorting out the life of a bigamist truckie over the air, Lovejoy at least manages to save a fortune in telephone bills. Stars *American Graffiti's* Paul Le Mat and Candy Clark.
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. Includes Francine Stock reporting from inside the Serbsky Institute, one of the most feared psychiatric hospitals in the Soviet Union
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Crime And Punishment. Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor returns with the crossword game show 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series hosted by Mike Scott
10.40 This Morning. Magazine programme presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 Rosie and Jim. Puppets for the very young (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley previews the week's series on outdoor and country activities 2.50 Graham Kerr. The ebullient cook makes Capnotada, a Mexican bread pudding
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 Wowser 4.10 Cartoon 4.15 Round the Bend. New puppet and animation series



Helping children to cope with divorce: Claire Rayner (4.40pm)

4.40 Docurama. The documentary series today looks at divorce from a child's perspective. With advice from agony aunt Claire Rayner
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley visits Dinton Pastures Country Park
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 The Cook Report. Hard-hitting investigations with Roger Cook exposing villainy, corruption and issues of public concern
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 The Upper Hand. Last in the feeble sitcom series starring Joe McGann as a burly former footballer playing housekeeper to a successful businesswoman (Dana Weston). Charlie and Caroline have a romantic meal to celebrate Charlie's first year in her service. (Oracle)
8.30 World in Action. A report on the interviewing techniques used by the police and social workers in sexual and ritual abuse cases in Britain. *World in Action* goes behind the closed doors of the interview room and asks whether welfare workers might be increasing the distress suffered by the victims of abuse
9.00 Film: Masquerade (1988). Over-elaborate suspense thriller starring Rob Lowe as Tim Whalan, a handsome but rotten-to-the-core yachtsman who is hired by wealthy Granger Morrison to skipper him to racing victories. Moving into the exclusive Hampton Islands social circle he soon becomes involved in a love triangle that spells betrayal and murder. The did-he, didn't-he suspense soon wears thin, but there is spectacular scenery to compensate. Also starring Meg Tilly, Doug Savant and Kim Cattrall. Directed by Bob Swaim. Continues after the news
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Film: Masquerade continued
11.25 Breadline Britain: The Bottom Line. The last in the series on poverty asks what can be done to help the poor lift themselves out of their plight
11.50 Magnum. Tom Selleck stars as the Hawaii-based private investigator (r)
12.50am Sportsworld Extra. There is snooker from the Cafe Royal with Stephen Hendry taking on old rival Steve Davis in the final of the London Masters
1.50 Film: Splendor (1935, b/w). Dated family drama starring Miriam Hopkins as a country girl who marries the good-natured but irresponsible heir to a once prominent New York family (Joel McCrea). To his family's horror, the wedding means a smaller house, less money and the necessity of gainful employment for most of them. Directed by Elliott Nugent
3.15 The Twilight Zone: Her Pilgrim Soul. The holograph of an infant takes on a life of its own
4.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Hippocritic Oath. Shaun Cassidy stars as an arrogant medical student who makes an enemy of his Dean by trying to buy his medical degree (r)
4.30 Bedrock. Featuring rock bands Family Cat and Vagabond Joy in concert
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Dig. A repeat of Friday's edition of the series aimed at persuading younger viewer to take up green-fingered pursuits
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational entertainment for pre-school children. Today's guest is Carol Kane
2.00 Right to Reply. A repeat of Saturday's edition in which Rory McGrath visited the village of Pluckley in Kent where *The Darling Buds of May* was filmed to find out what the locals thought of the enormously popular series. (Teletext)
2.30 Film: Much Too Shy (1942, b/w) George Formby up to his old tricks again, this time as a handyman with a flair for portrait painting. But reactions to his latest efforts, nude paintings of three well-known women from the village, are somewhat less than favourable. One of the lesser Formby vehicles, short on jokes and heavy on nudge-nudge. Directed by Marcel Varnel
4.10 Patterns of Play. Clever short collage of old photographs, archive film and animation detailing the history of racket sports. (r)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quick-fire elimination quiz hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 The Late Late Show. Lively and topical magazine programme from Dublin, hosted by Gay Byrne
6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (r)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. At the 1991 Cannes Film Festival Ross talks to Timothy Dalton, Kylie Minogue and Alek Keshishian, direcor of *In Bed With Madonna*
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Comment
8.00 Brookside. Drama from the Liverpudlian cul-de-sac. (Teletext)
8.30 My Two Dads: Story in Development. Lame American sitcom about two men who inherit a daughter. Nicole (Staci Keanan) and her bosom buddy Shelby become worried about their lack of bust. After various frenzied attempts to endow themselves fail, Judge Wilbur steps in with a little woman-to-woman advice



Focusing on international boat theft: Peter Clark (9.00pm)

9.00 Watching the Detectives: Peter Clark.
● CHOICE: Peter Clark is a private detective who specialises in international boat theft. His work closely parallels that of the police but his job is not so much to catch villains as to recover property. There is no shortage of work. At any one time he has 300 to 400 files on the go and more than 100 new cases come in every month. Stealing boats is a multi-million pound crime. Clark works through a network of agents placed around the world. A boat taken in Southampton can easily turn up in Spain. The film follows him on the sad case of a couple who sank all their savings in a yacht, intending to make it their home, and were devastated to be told that it was stolen property. Invariably courteous and nothing much like the aggressive private eye stereotype, Clark admits that the job makes him hard and cynical. English society, he says sadly, is being increasingly driven by money. (Teletext)
10.00 E.N.G.: The Chilling Effect. A Canadian *Broadcast News*-style series. News producer Hildebrandt (Sara Botsford) receives some contentious information about biological warfare from an old college chum. (Teletext)
10.55 India's Election: The Mosque and the Temple. On the eve of the Indian general election political journalist Chanda Narang talks to the main party leaders — Rajiv Gandhi, V.P. Singh, Chandra Shekhar and L.K. Advani .
11.55 Film: Je Vous Salue, Marie (1984). Banned unseen by the Pope as being "shocking and blasphemous" but hailed by those who actually saw it as sensitive and composed, Jean-Luc Godard's film imagines a modern-day immaculate conception. Mary is visited by an unconventional Gabriel at her father's Swiss petrol station and encounters a diffident Joseph when she reveals her good news. Starring Myriem Roussel, Philippe Lacoste and Thierry Rode. Ends at 1.55am

TV REGIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm Graham Kerr 2.50-3.15 Win, Lose or Draw 5.10-5.40 Tell the Truth 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 11.55-12.55 Kojak 1.55 The Law and Harry McGraw 2.55 The ITV Chart Show 3.50 Terrorvision 4.05 60 Minutes 5.00-5.30 Pick of the Week

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 12.00 Hooperman 12.30 Pop Profile 12.40 Film: Assault 2.20 America's Top Ten 2.45 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.05 The Hit Man and Her 5.00 Kylie Minogue 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm Cooking with Kurma 2.50-3.15 Win, Lose or Draw 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 11.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.50 Santa Barbara 1.40 Wrestling 2.50 Entertainment UK 3.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 3.55-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50pm Graham Kerr 2.20-3.15 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 The Munsters' Today 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 9.00-10.00 The Equalizer 10.50 Open Eye 11.10 Breadline Britain 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Film: Assault 2.20 Arsedos's Top Ten 2.45 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 5.00 Kylie Minogue 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
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HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm An Invitation to Remember: Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray 2.50-3.15 The Young Doctors 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 11.55 Stephen King's World of Horror 12.40 Film: Assault 2.20 America's Top Ten 2.45 Pick of the Week 3.20 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.05 The Hit Man and Her 5.00 Kylie Minogue 5.10-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

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YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00-3.15 Film: Best Girl 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 It's A Vet's Life 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55 Film: Payroll 2.50 Trans World Sport 3.50 Music Box 4.20 Music Box Profile 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Mattirin 1.00 Fifteen To One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The Nectar of Immortality 2.30 Film: Special Agent' (Bette Davis, George Brent) 3.55 Hamster Affair 4.00 A Different World 4.30 Once There Was A Dog 4.45 The Munsters' 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Roseanne 10.00 thirtysomething 10.55 India's Election 11.55 Film: Je Vous Salue, Marie 1.55 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 1.00pm News 1.40 We're Cooking Now 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Highdays and Holidays 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 283 Useful Ideas from Japan 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Up and Running 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.00 Porky Pig 8.05 The Young Riders 9.00 News 9.30 Campion (Peter Davison, Brian Glover) 10.25 Questions and Answers 11.25 Euro Focus 11.45 News 11.55 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Dan 5.25 The Game on Monday 8.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Coach 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Italian Soccer 9.00 The Golden Girls 9.30 News followed by Film: The Good Father 11.10 News 11.30 Close

SATELLITE TV

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 All 8.00 Princess Daisy: Second of a two-part mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Anything for Money 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 The Outer Limits 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Health Circuit 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 9.30 Beyond 2000 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase
10.00 Anne of Green Gables — Part One (1985): First of a two-part adaptation of L.M. Montgomery's novel about a feisty orphan who endears herself to her foster parents. Starring Megan Follows
12.00 Return from the River Kwai (1989): An American pilot joins a team of British guerillas to rescue British PoWs held captive by the Japanese Starring Nick Tate
2.00pm Boundaries of the Heart (1988): A woman plays a dangerous emotional game with a long-standing boyfriend. Starring Wendy Hughes
4.00 The Jazz Singer (1980): A man turns his back on his Orthodox Jewish background to pursue a career as a singer. Starring Neil Diamond and Laurence Olivier
6.00 Butch and Sundance: The Early Days (1979): The infamous outlaws (William Katt and Tom Berenger) meet during a saloon shootout
8.00 Earth Girls are Easy (1989): Musical-fantasy-comedy in which three aliens land in the swimming pool of a Los Angeles beautician (Geena Davis). She gives them a complete makeover to give them the appearance of Jeff Goldblum, Damon Wayans and Jim Carrey
9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 The Abyss (1989): A crack team of underwater miners and military men discover alien life on the ocean floor. Starring Ed Harris and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio
12.15am Dial Help (1988): A model dials a wrong number and unleashes a host of evil spirits with unpleasant results for her friends. Starring Charlotte Lewis
1.50 Car Trouble (1985): A wife tries to seduce her secret lover on the front seat of her husband's precious car with dire consequences. Starring Julie Walters and Ian Charleson
4.00 Orphans (1987): Two orphaned brothers kidnap a businessman and find their hostage has a strange effect on their lives. Starring Albert Finney, Matthew Modine and Kevin Anderson. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Punch and Judy Man (1962, b/w): A puppeteer tries to raise his standing in a small coastal town. Starring Tony Hancock
8.15 Whoopee! (1930, b/w) Busby Berkeley musical Starring Eddie Cantor
10.15 April Morning (1988): A youth comes of age at the onset of the American Revolution. Starring Tommy Lee Jones
12.15pm The Mark of Zorro (1940, b/w): A wealthy Californian dons a mask and moonlights as a dashing adventurer. Starring Tyrone Power
2.15 Raffles (1940, b/w): David Niven stars as the gentleman jewel thief
4.15 Jules Verne's Strange Holiday: The adventures of a group of children who become stranded on a desert island. Starring Mark Hasford
6.15 The Charge of the Model T's (1979): A German spy tries to infiltrate the United States during the first world war, using a specially-equipped car. Starring John David Carson
8.15 The Moderns (1988): An American art forger tries to rekindle his relationship with an old flame in Twenties Paris. Starring Keith Carradine
10.25 The Stranger (1987): A woman recovers from amnesia and has to face the unpleasant memory of having been the witness to a murder. Starring Bonnie Bedelia
12.00 Out of Bounds (1986): A country boy moves to the big city and becomes involved with a murderous drugs ring. Starring Anthony Michael Hall
1.35am Macbeth (1971): Roman Polanski's screen adaptation of Shakespeare's tragedy. Starring Jon Finch and Francesca Annis
4.00 Big Trouble (1986): An insurance salesman comes up with an unusual way to finance his sons' college education. Starring Peter Falk. Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 12.30pm Italian Open Tennis 3.00 Australian Rugby League 5.00 A Day at the Beach 6.00 Tuff Trax 7.00 NWA Wrestling 8.00 Italian Football 10.00 American Football Magazine 12.00 Italian Football

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 NBA Basketball 10.00 Mud and Monsters 11.00 International Speedway 12.00 FIA World Rally Championships 1.00pm Major League Baseball 2.00 Carriage Driving Championships 3.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 USWA Wrestling 6.00 Dutch Motorsports 7.00 Formula One Grand Prix Film 7.30 Spanish Football Highlights 8.00 Fight Night 9.30 French Rugby League Cup Final 11.00 ATP Tennis 12.30am British Motor Sport

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Wok with Yan 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 It's Your Lifestyle 2.40 The Tom Yewell Show 3.10 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Phyllis 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
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RADIO 1

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Was I Not a Little Blade of Grass, Op 47 No 7: ECO under Geoffrey Simon, with Raphael Wallfisch, cello); Ravel (Piano Concerto in D for left hand: Andrei Gavrilov: LSO under Claudio Abbado)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G, BWV 1049: ECO under Leppard, harpsichord); Sellari (Concerto in C for flute, oboe and orchestra: Aurèle Nicolet, Heinz Holliger; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Kenneth Sillito); Telemann (Suite in F for two horns, string orchestra and continuo: Hermann Baumann and Timothy Brown, horns; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown, violin) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn (Symphony No 84 in E flat; Un cor si tenero, H XXIVb 11; Sonata in C, H XVI 48; Sono Alcina; *Il meglio mio cerattere*; Chi vive amante, H XXIVb 9, 17 and 13)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Music that merges fantasy with the formal. Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in A minor, BWV 904: Kenneth Gilbert, harpsichord); Purcell, ed Britten (Chacony in G minor: ECO under Britten); Routh (Fantasy Duo, Op 54 — first performance: Tasmin Little, violin, Piers Lane, piano); Webern (Passacaglia, Op 1: Berlin PO under von Karajan); Schubert (Wanderer Fantasy in C, D 760: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); Bach (Partita in D minor, BWV 1004: Tasmin Little, violin)
11.15 Ulster Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier, violin, with Evelyn Glennie, percussion, performs Poulenc (Les Biches); Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo capriccioso); Milhaud (La Création du monde); Jolivet (Concerto for percussion); Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le toit); Ibert (Divertissement)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, London. Felicity Lott, soprano, Graham Johnson, piano, perform Schumann (Liederkreis, Op 39; Frauenliebe und -leben, Op 42)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 An Alternative Beethoven Nine: Lyndon Jenkins presents postwar recordings of Beethoven that have stood the test of time. Berlin Philharmonic under André Cluytens performs Coriolan Overture; Rondino in E flat for wind octet; Symphony No 6
3.45 Début: Kegelstatt Trio — Ruth Ellis, clarinet, Rosemary Sanderson, viola, John Gough, piano — performs Alfred Uhl (Kleines konzert); Gordon Jacob (Trio)
4.20 Music for Organ: Piet Kee plays Anon (Estampie); Bruhns (Prelude and Fugue No 1 in E minor); Hendrik Andriessen (Sonata da chiesa); Piet Kee (Improvisation on Estampie)
4.50 A Breath of Virtuosity: First of three programmes. City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox performs Stamitz, reconstr Alan Boustead (Trumpet Concerto: Håkan Hardenberger); John McCabe (Rainforest II) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Richard Baker
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Antony Shar talks to Paul Allen about his new novel *The Indoor Boy*, and about his current role in Kafka's *The Trial* at the National Theatre
7.30 A Mozart Festival: Takács Quartet, Kazuki Sawa, violin, Michael Collins, clarinet, Ralf Gothóni, piano, perform Violin Sonata in E minor, K 304; Piano Quartet in G minor, K 478; Clarinet Quintet in A, K 581, incl 8.15 Interval Reading
8.55 Music and Film: BBC Scottish SO under Carl Davis performs Strauss (München); Schoenberg (Accompanying Music for a Film Scene); Korngold (Suite, Robin Hood)
9.35 Spectrum: In the last in the series, Professor Dan McKenzie of the department of earth sciences at Cambridge university talks to Colin Tudge about the origins of volcanoes
10.00 Rebello and Hill: Geoffrey Smith introduces a recording of the British pianist Jason Rebello and the American pianist Andrew Hill in concert at St George's, Bristol, incl 10.40 An Interval conversation with Andrew Hill
11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week: Bax (r) 12.35am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.35 The Week on 4 8.43 Glimpses of the Past: In for a Penny . . . Professor Theo Barker delves among the BBC sound archives. In the final programme, he discovers how enterprising people used to be with their spare time 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Barbara Amiel. The guests are Norman Tebbit, MP, Eddie Shah, Sir Bernard Ingham and Rabbi Julia Neuberger (s)
10.00 News; Money Box (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Proper Respect. Isabel Allende's tale about two social-climbing scoundrels who con their way into the upper echelons of society. Read by Diana Quick
10.45 Daily Service from the Cathedral Church of St Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
11.00 News; Down Your Way: Margaret Howard's passion for horses takes her to Newbury in Berkshire (r)
11.40 Poetry Please! (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1991: First Round — Midlands. Robert Robinson chairs a nationwide general knowledge contest in which listeners compete to become this year's champion (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour celebrates 75 years of *Vogue*; Janet Ford, a sociologist, talks about debt and the poverty trap; and ballroom dancing champions Karen and Marcus Hilton prepare to defend their British Open title in Blackpool
3.00 News; Play: Excuse Fingers. John Peacock's story about a man who poisons his wife. With Michael Kitchen as Herbert Armstrong (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: A report from the Cannes film festival; Moondog, a former busker, performs in the studio; Edward Sackerson reviews the production by the Metropolitan Opera and Chorus of Verdi's *Aida*; and Judy Meweezen reports on the Hull Truck theatre company's play, *Laural and Hardy* (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Fen Story
● CHOICE: In an exceptional season for radio plays, Adam Thorpe's careful reconstruction of a bloody period in English history is outstanding. Events accompanying the Danish invasion in 892 are seen through the eyes of a monk, Brother John (Mark Straker) and Sigwulf (Ian Hogg), Ealdorman or chief royal official of the Anglo-Saxon shire. The monk sets himself in bitter conflict with Sigwulf over an embellishment to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle of which he is the scribe and all ends tragically. The play begins and ends in a modern schoolroom; history teachers should recommend this to their pupils (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Heartstones, by Ruth Rendell. Oona Beeson read the first of a five-part adaptation (s)
11.00 Flying the Flag: Cultural Exchange. Alex Shearer's wry observation of East-West diplomacy (final part) (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Out on Blue Six 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 8.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Gyles Brandreth 9.30 Debbie Greenwood 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs: Radio Goes to Town 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Max Bygraves 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Great Musicals: The Desert Song 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade with Peter Clayton 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business: 0345 909 693, incl 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm The Leading Edge (r) 1.00 News; Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News; Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 2.30 World Service, incl 3.00, 4.00 News; Sport 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain (1 of 10) 7.35 Fifteen-Love The first of a six-part drama set in a tennis school 8.05 How We Worked Then: Life in the Classroom (r) 8.20 Mega Mix 8.50 Fanshawe on Five 9.30 Under Goliath: Peter Carter's story of growing up in Belfast during the Sixties (1 of 4) 10.00 News;

A walk on the wild side for the royal couple

Ma'am, you're a Florida conche

From PETER STOTHARD
US EDITOR
IN MIAMI

DURING her weekend in America the Queen "had strayed far, far indeed, from the decorous British Isles," the *Miami Herald* said yesterday.

She had taken her yacht guests for a picnic – a scene so decorous that it could have been played by any elderly British house party in Torquay. But for the vice-weary writers of Miami it was a walk on the wild side.

The Queen, in an airy red and blue flowered dress and dark blue sandals, led to lunch her husband, in Hawaiian shirt and Panama hat, her foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, in scarlet tennis shirt, and with camera swinging at his side, and her ambassador to the United States, Sir Anthony Ackland, in dashing flared white trousers. A civilised time was had by all.

The picnic trip to Fort Jefferson, a 16-acre island 17 miles off the Florida coast, was not announced in advance. The royal yacht Britannia moored in the tiny North Bay on Saturday afternoon. Campers and schoolchildren stared at the progress of the royal barge to shore: so too did a flock of sooty terns.

A palace spokesman said the Queen was in "terrific form and was greatly enjoying her tour of the United States". Only a nagging cough seemed to cause her any disturbance.

Before this visit Fort Jefferson had had but one claim to fame, its use as a prison in 1865 for the four "Lincoln conspirators" who were brought there after the president's assassination. Among them was Dr Samuel Mudd, the doctor who treated the broken leg of the assassin John Wilkes Booth. Dr Mudd's name was "Mud" thereafter.

A few years ago the Florida Keys, the long vertebrae of islands which curve down from Miami, tried a little secession of their own. The revolt of "conches" (pronounced "conks") never came to civil war and the leader of the South Florida separatists was one of the few let in on the secret of the Queen's day off.

Mrs Wilhemina Harvey, aged 79, presented her with a large pink shell and a certificate of honorary citizenship. "Ma'am, you're a conche," she said. The Queen returned a watery smile. The certificate presented to the Queen read: "Whereas the thrice-blessed residents of the isles of the eternal sun believe it only fair and proper to share their good fortune, they do hereby declare Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, to be a clear thinking kindred soul, eminently worthy to be an honorary conch."

This permits the Queen to indulge in "unparalleled swimming and frolicking in the crystal waters" and to join in the local custom of "wriggling toes in warm sands as the rest of the world hurries by".

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ARTHUR EDWARDS



Taking it easy: the Queen, wearing a blue flowered dress, and the Duke, in a Hawaiian shirt, on their way to an island picnic under the Florida sun

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Ready for the off: The Home Affairs Select Committee tomorrow presents its report on racing: the most important enquiry into the industry for a dozen years. It is likely to recommend far-reaching changes in racing, with a big increase in the money bookmakers contribute to the industry. Richard Evans analyses the implications.

Well suited: Paul Smith built an international fashion empire on "serious suits and silly socks". Liz Smith runs a tape measure over a menswear guru whose design philosophy combines the crustiness of an Englishman's club with the style of an art gallery.

Lazio cool after Gascoigne surgery

Continued from page 1

nitely be off," he said. Lazio's contract includes a clause that the player must be pronounced perfectly fit "on delivery". So keen was Lazio to conclude the deal that the transfer papers had already been lodged with the Italian FA. The Italian club will be further discouraged from taking any chances on the England player's recovery time by the maximum limit of three foreign players for each Italian club. If Lazio were to register Gascoigne for the 1991-92 season, it would then not be allowed to take on another foreigner if Gascoigne were unable to play. Lazio has two other foreigners under contract for next season.

Gascoigne could have been expected to make £2 million net personally over five years from his transfer. However, yesterday he was in the Princess Grace hospital in Marylebone, while hundreds of supporters waited in the street for news.

Gascoigne will be in hospital for ten days and in plaster for two months. For many years severely damaged cruciate ligaments were enough to end a player's career because the stability of the joint depended on their efficiency.

Although the technique for replacing damaged ligaments has improved enormously and players can return to their former ability, Dr Peter Sperryn, author of *Sport and Medicine*, said the operation was a delicate one, the success of which depended on extreme accuracy. He warned that recovery was a "long and difficult process".

He said: "A player has to retrain himself and get his confidence back and where would Gascoigne be without his confidence? When I saw the tackle, I had the feeling that he had just lost more than £2 million. I would expect an Italian club to go cold on the line."

THE MOMENT PAUL GASCOIGNE'S £8.5m TRANSFER FELL APART



Doctors recommend six months of rest

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE knee is the body's largest joint, but also the most unstable. James Fox, an American orthopaedic surgeon, has described the knee as two giant bones propped on top of one another, and held together by the anatomical equivalent of rubber bands.

The thigh, or femur, is attached to the leg, or tibia, by four major ligaments, bands of fibrous, slightly elastic tissue. The ends of the femur and tibia are wrapped in cartilage, which acts as a shock absorber. At the front is the kneecap, or patella, which covers and protects the working parts.

The joint provides freedom of movement, rolling, twisting and sliding as well as simply hinging. The forces it has to support make it vulnerable to sports injury. One of those whose football career ended after a knee injury was Brian Clough, the manager of beaten finalists Nottingham Forest.

The cruciate ligament damaged by Paul Gascoigne is believed to be the anterior ligament of his right knee. Both the anterior and posterior ligaments originate at the top of the tibia and after crossing are attached to the inner parts of the two rounded portions, or condyles, at the lower end of the femur.

Knee surgery has greatly improved since Clough suffered his injury in 1962. Operations can be carried out using "keyhole" surgery, reducing discomfort and recovery time. Artifical ligaments, made of carbon and polyester, can be used to replace the damaged ligaments, and have achieved a more than 90 per cent success rate.

Surgeons recommend at least six months' rest from such an operation before returning to the field, ideally longer in sports like football. Some of the failures have resulted when players were too eager to get back to the game.



Clough: football career ended after knee injury

Spurs hail their conquering heroes, bar one

By ALAN HAMILTON

A WEEKEND is a long time in soccer. Friday night's newsbill, still flapping outside a shop within a penalty kick of White Hart Lane, seemed as stale and indigestible as yesterday's chips: "Gazza: a hero in the making."

That the most popular footballer since George Best had unheroically departed the Wembley turf after only 17 minutes was not going to sour the sweetness of victory for the many thousands of Spurs fans who lined the streets of Tottenham yesterday morning to welcome home their victorious team bearing the FA Cup in an open-topped bus.

Kerbside opinion was that Paul Gascoigne had merely got a bit over-excited in tackling Nottingham Forest's Gary Charles and earning himself a premature trip to hospital. He will, the kerbside maintained, still a great player.

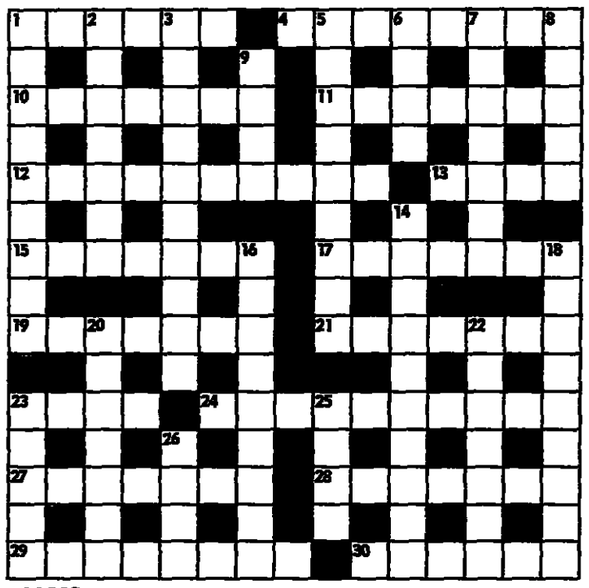
As the bus for 90 minutes crawled the length of Tottenham High Road, it was preceded by a precautionary ambulance. "Here comes Gazza," the crowd shouted good-naturedly. But the injured hero was spending the day in the Princess Grace hospital having surgery to his knee. Frankly, the crowd did not seem greatly to miss him; Spurs had proved themselves without him.

As the team – accompanied by their wives, girlfriends, manager and sundry others – disembarked from their bus and emerged one by one on the balcony of Tottenham town hall to hold the cup aloft, particular cheers were awarded to Gary Mabbutt, the captain, and Paul Stewart, the scorer, and especially to Terry Venables, the manager.

Later, Mary Neuner, the mayor of Haringey, stepped out to thank everyone for coming, but encountered a chorus of abuse, some of it referring to the poll tax.

Then, when it became clear that Gazza was not going to make a wheelchair guest appearance, those assembled poured into the pubs and debated that controversial offside instead.

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ACROSS

1 Thoughtless and really friendless girl (6).
4 Getting very heated in a wet sort of way (8).
10 Military leader in overall ... (7).
11 ... even serving men wear it (7).
12 Inferior china for officer in Merchant Navy (6,4).
13 Many a beard needs cutting frequently! (4).
15 Regiment did badly – arrived at front and was peppered with shot (7).
17 A finish to the game the old city finds unprofessional (7).
19 The beak making a stand (7).
21 A revolutionary art movement – "Mad!" said models (7).
23 The point about a work-out (4).
24 Hostelry getting enthusiastic reception for modernisation (10).
27 Back no one so concerned with eating (7).
28 Remove superfluous weight (7).
29 Beast gets in through someone dawdling about (8).
30 Absolutely denied involvement (6).

DOWN

1 He takes note of people's comings and goings (9).
2 Frightened to do repairs without one (7).
3 Men putting the squeeze on foreigners carrying cash (10).
5 Nothing is in short measure in this area (9).
6 See inside the joint (4).
7 Subject to quarantine, also tie loosely (7).
8 Precocious youngster making a thousand in profit (5).
9 Go downhill – no parking in overcrowded area of city (4).
14 Swallow grit and harm can result (4-6).
16 Dupe exceptionally nice man to get the upper hand (9).
18 Thought to put spirit in a fellow (9).
20 When there's drink left, keep up! (7).
22 Copy – trim it a teeny bit (7).
23 Some American Indians quietly and stealthily advance (5).
25 Too superior (4).
26 Excellent form of punishment (4).

Concise crossword, page 17

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,609 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SHAKESPEAREANS

FABIAN
a. A Roman general
b. A missing twin
c. An upper servant

CORIN
a. A girl in disguise
b. A philosophical shepherd
c. Cymbeline's son

ANTIOCHUS
a. Wicked king of Antioch
b. A dishonest merchant
c. A Roman consul

IDEN
a. A rogue in backgammon
b. Macbeth's doctor
c. Decapitator of Cade

Answers on page 18, column 1

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WEATHER

Northwest Scotland will start dull and misty with some drizzle over hills, spreading to the northern isles. West and southwest areas will start misty with coastal fog patches. All remaining areas will be cloudy but dry at first. Many parts, especially the East and South-East, will brighten to give long sunny periods, becoming very warm in some areas. Windy at times in the North-West. Outlook: dry, warm and sunny in the South, cloudy at times with some showers in the North.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Majorca	20	68	f
Akrotiri	23	73	f	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Malta	19	66	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Melb'rne	12	54	fg
Amst'dam	14	57	f	Miami*	31	88	f
Athens	20	68	f	Milan	17	63	s
Bahrain	28	82	s	Montreal*	13	55	s
Barcelna	17	63	s	Moscow	19	66	c
Belgrade	8	46	c	Munich	13	55	r
Berlin	13	55	c	Nairobi	18	64	r
Bermuda*	25	77	f	Naples	16	61	s
Biarritz	13	55	c	N Delhi	38	100	s
Borde'x	17	63	c	N York*	16	61	f
Brussels	15	59	f	Nice	19	66	f
Budapst	11	52	c	Oslo	15	59	f
B Aires*	23	73	s	Paris	16	61	c
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	29	84	f
Cape Tn	18	64	c	Perth	23	73	f
C'blanca	20	68	s	Prague	12	54	c
Chicago*	11	52	c	Reykjavik	8	46	c
Ch'church	11	52	f	Rhodes	20	68	f
Cologne	15	59	f	Rio de J	24	75	f
C'phagn	13	55	f	Riyadh	32	90	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Rome	17	63	f
Dublin	17	63	c	Salzburg	12	54	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S Frisco*	14	57	f
Faro	22	72	s	Santiago*	19	66	c
Florence	19	66	f	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	15	59	f	Seoul	28	82	f
Funchal	18	64	s	Sing'por	28	82	t
Geneva	14	57	s	St'kholm	15	59	f
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Helsinki	13	55	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	30	86	c	Tangier	23	73	s
Innsbruck	11	52	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Istanbul	15	59	r	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jeddah	32	90	c	Tokyo	25	77	c
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Toronto*	13	55	s
Karachi	34	93	c	Tunis	19	66	s
L Palmas	21	70	s	Valencia	20	68	s
Le Touet	14	57	c	Vanc'ver*	11	52	c
Lisbon	27	81	s	Venice	18	64	s
Locarno	19	66	c	Vienna	11	52	c
L Angels*	17	63	s	Warsaw	8	46	r
Luxembg	14	57	f	Wash'ton*	21	70	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	13	55	f
Madrid	20	68	s				

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

TODAY'S RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.18
Austria Sch	21.75	20.25
Belgium Fr	68.70	69.70
Canada $	2.105	1.955
Denmark Kr	11.83	11.13
Finland Mrk	7.36	6.91
France Fr	10.45	9.80
Germany Dm	3.10	2.90
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	14.10	13.10
Ireland Pt	1.154	1.084
Italy Lira	2310.00	2160.00
Japan Yen	255.50	237.50
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.265
Norway Kr	12.05	11.22
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.50
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	191.00	178.00
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.525	2.455
Turkey Lira	7400.00	6800.00
USA $	1.822	1.702
Yugoslavia Dnr	51.00	32.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temps: max 8am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 8am, 5C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.4 hr.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.2	.04	16	61	rain
Anglesey	4.4	-	13	55	bright
Belfast	3.3	.10	12	54	rain
Birmingham	3.6	.01	16	61	bright
Blackpool	3.0	-	14	57	bright
Bournemouth	1.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Brighton	x	-	10	50	cloudy
Bristol	4.0	-	17	63	bright
Cardiff	8.5	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Colwyn Bay	3.7	-	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	1.5	.03	15	59	dull
Exmouth	1.0	-	15	59	cloudy
Falmouth	12.4	-	15	61	sunny
Glasgow	4.0	.05	15	59	rain
Guernsey	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	6.2	-	11	52	bright
Ilfracombe	x	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	0.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	1.7	-	17	63	bright
Larwick	0.3	.08	11	52	rain
London	1.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	6.8	-	13	55	sunny
Margate	x	-	13	55	dull
Morecambe	1.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Newcastle	x	-	16	61	bright
Nottingham	0.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Plymouth	7.2	-	x	x	sunny
Poole	1.0	-	16	61	cloudy
Scarborough	1.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Scilly Isles	10.8	-	15	59	bright
Shanklin	0.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Southend	5.3	-	13	55	bright
St. Ives	13.1	-	13	55	sunny
Swanage	0.1	.03	14	57	cloudy
Teignmouth	2.8	-	15	59	bright
Tenby	3.7	-	16	61	cloudy
Tiree	0.4	.17	12	54	rain
Torquay	4.0	-	15	59	bright
Weymouth	0.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Wick	2.1	.12	13	55	rain
Worthing	-	-	15	59	cloudy

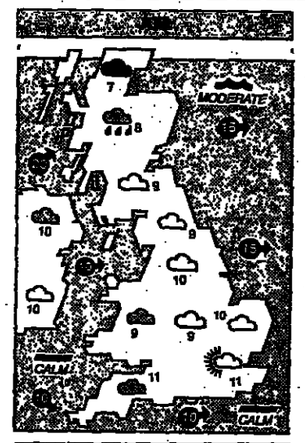
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London 8.53 pm to 5.01 am
Bristol 9.02 pm to 5.11 am
Edinburgh 9.27 pm to 4.51 am
Manchester 9.10 pm to 5.00 am
Penzance 9.08 pm to 5.29 am

Sun rises: 5.03 am
Sun sets: 8.53 pm
Moon sets 1.29 am
Moon rises 11.59 am
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Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 19.35hrs

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

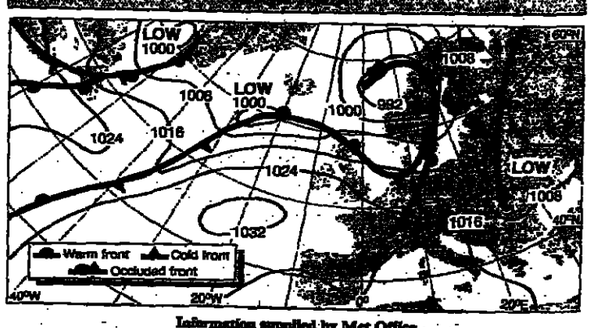
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	11	52	d
B'mgham	15	59	c	Inverness	12	54	r
Blackpool	13	54	c	Jersey	11	52	d
Bristol	15	59	c	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'nchester	15	59	c
Edinburgh	14	57	r	Newcastle	14	57	r
Glasgow	13	55	c	P'ntdeway	13	55	r

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TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.17	6.8	7.35	6.4	Liverpool	4.31	8.8	5.12	8.1
Aberdeen	6.49	3.8	7.49	3.6	Lowestoft	3.07	2.2	2.48	2.3
Avonmouth	12.15	11.9	12.60	11.3	Margate	5.27	4.4	5.40	4.3
Belfast	4.31	3.3	5.34	2.9	Milford Haven	11.57	5.8	—	—
Cardiff	—	—	12.35	10.6	Newquay	10.54	5.9	11.21	6.0
Devonport	11.30	4.6	11.47	4.8	Oban	11.50	2.9	—	—
Dover	4.27	5.8	4.55	5.8	Penzance	10.44	4.6	11.02	4.8
Falmouth	11.00	4.4	11.17	4.6	Portland	—	—	12.31	1.4
Glasgow	5.42	4.7	6.35	4.2	Portsmouth	4.56	4.2	5.55	4.3
Harwich	5.06	3.8	5.23	3.5	Shoreham	4.24	5.5	5.10	5.6
Holyhead	3.38	5.1	4.29	4.7	Southampton	4.18	4.1	5.07	4.2
Hull	11.37	6.7	—	—	Sheerness	—	—	12.01	7.8
Ilfracombe	11.40	7.9	—	—	Tees	9.15	4.9	10.10	4.7
King's Lynn	11.54	5.9	—	—	Wtsn-on-Nze	5.04	4.0	5.21	3.7
Leith	8.13	5.0	8.48	4.9					

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BUSINESS

MONDAY MAY 20 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

Big loss expected at Brent Walker

DESPITE suggestions of a last-minute hitch, Brent Walker is expected to unveil today its preliminary figures for last year. They are expected to show net assets falling nearly 80 per cent to above £200 million.

The company is expected to report substantial trading profits, but interest and property provisions could result in after-tax losses exceeding £200 million.

Publication of the 1990 figures marks the beginning of a crucial week for the leisure group, which has borrowings approaching £1.5 billion. Tomorrow, Brent Walker and Hill Samuel, its adviser, will meet a steering committee of its bank creditors to outline their proposals for the company's financial reconstruction.

On Thursday, the twice-yearly interest payment of £6.5 million on the company's £103 million 13 per cent capital bond issue falls due. High noon, page 23

Investors demand GRE suspension

Investors who have lost about £8 million have demanded the suspension of Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurance group, from operating investment business.

The Centrust action group has formally requested that Lautro, the financial regulator, suspend GRE's membership. The action group was set up two months ago when the disappearance of Jake Reynolds, head of the Centrust group, sparked a worldwide police hunt.

Peter Buckell, a spokesman for the group, said: "We are aware that Lautro have decided to launch a formal, full-scale investigation into GRE's monitoring of Centrust under the Financial Services Act. However, we consider that we have given GRE ample time to answer questions and deal with initial claims and so far they have refused to co-operate with us."

Big increase in National Savings

National savings contributed £251 million to government funding in April, up from £101 million in March, as falling rates on savings schemes from banks and building societies made fixed-rate national savings accounts more attactive.

The only account not to show a net addition to its funds was the ordinary account, which pays only 2.5 per cent on balances of up to £500.

O&Y project

Olympia & York has confirmed that later phases of its £3 billion Canary Wharf project will be "demand driven". The 5.3 million sq ft of phases one and two, the bulk of which is nearing completion, has been built speculatively and is 50 per cent pre-let. Work on phase three is not expected to start until next year.

Agents named

Three estate agents have been appointed to sell property in Butlers Wharf, the development on the south bank of the river Thames that went into receivership in December. The agents are Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks (retail), Richard Ellis (commercial) and Savills (residential).

Capita contract

Capita Group, the management services group voted USM company of the year earlier this year, is expected to announce that it has won a £2 million computer facilities management contract for the British Nursing Association through Telecom Capita, a subsidiary.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7195 (–0.0035)
German mark
2.9757 (+0.0062)
Exchange index
91.8 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1926.2 (–48.3)
FT-SE 100
2453.9 (–70.4)
New York Dow Jones
2886.63 (–33.54)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25701.94 (–572.35)

★★★★★★

US and continental deals may be used to thwart Hanson

ICI ready to hit back with joint ventures

By GEORGE SIVELL

ICI is preparing a contingency plan to tie up several of its troubled chemical divisions in joint ventures with continental and, particularly, American groups to forestall any attempt by Lord Hanson to break up the company.

The contingency plan emerged as the group's advisers spent the weekend reviewing the £300 million restructuring foreshadowed in early March in the light of the hostile 2.8 per cent stake taken by Lord Hanson last week.

The advisers were unable to comment on whether the rather vague plan would be speeded up or enlarged. But it is understood that if ICI is pressed into producing a defence strategy, it would have the hiving off of bulk chemicals into partnerships with large overseas chemicals groups as a top priority.

This defensive strategy worked for GEC in fending off a threatened Metsun consortium bid, arising as part of the complex Plessey counter-attack in 1989. GEC merged its consumer products and medical equipment with General Electric of America in a deal put together by SG Warburg, the merchant bank that could also be called upon to defend ICI.

The potential bidders for GEC tried to build a consortium of partners that would want to buy chunks of the electrical group if it were dismembered, but GEC undermined the attempt by persuading some of the potential partners to deal directly and doing more modest partnership deals itself. These exploited the desire of big American groups to gain a strong base within the European Community, and this factor may also influence the strategy of ICI.

At the time of the announcement of its restructuring plan, ICI refused to be drawn on details, saying only that it was designed to concentrate the group on strong businesses that can play a global role, reducing mature businesses to cash generators. Others, it was implied, would be candidates for disposal.

The restructuring plan was the product of a two-month review in the autumn after Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, first warned investors that profits would fall sharply in 1990. ICI, however, gave the impression at the weekend that it was ready for anything Lord Hanson could throw at it. Goldman Sachs, the securities house, has been commissioned to plan a counterattack on Hanson, should it be needed.

A decision on whether to bid will depend on approaches received for various parts of ICI expected to flow in, especially from Du Pont and Dow Chemical of America, after Hanson's stakebuilding operation last week.

Lord Hanson will have to clear any political storm, which, with Labour in ascendency, may be more of a threat than in 1989 when Hanson acquired, but later disposed of, a small stake in ICI.

ICI is the second largest world producer of the important pigment titanium dioxide and Hanson the third behind Du Pont. Disposals would be required both in the UK and Australia. The European Community has already said it is eyeing the Hanson-ICI developments.

Moody's, the American credit agency, said yesterday it was looking at the ratings of both Hanson and ICI which, for short-term money, are both prime 1, the top category.



Spectre at the door: Sir Denys Henderson prepares to shut out Lord Hanson

Plan to sell Air Europe halted as talks fail

By MATTHEW BOND

THE administrators to ILG, the collapsed leisure group, have abandoned their plans to sell Air Europe, the group's airline. Despite weeks of negotiations, no buyer for the airline has been found.

As a result, Tim Hayward and Phil Wallace of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the administrators, have decided not to appeal to the secretary of state for transport to have the suspension of the airline's air transport licences lifted.

Air Europe is now permanently grounded and the future for its 150 remaining staff looks bleak, although they will be retained temporarily to assist the administrators.

Almost 2,000 Air Europe staff were dismissed in March, shortly before the Civil Aviation Authority suspended the airline's licences.

At that time, the CAA indicated that if a buyer for Air Europe could be found, the suspension was likely to be lifted.

But with the administrators' search unsuccessful, Air Europe's assets will now be disposed of piecemeal.

Air Europe's aircraft were secured by ILG's bank creditors when the parent company collapsed in March. Its remaining assets are spare parts, engines and ground equipment. The administrators say this equipment has a substantial value.

The failure to find a new owner for Air Europe comes as a surprise. A number of parties were thought to be interested in acquiring the airline, whose name was thought to have been relatively untarnished by the collapse of ILG.

Dan-Air, the airline owned by Davies & Newman, was believed to be interested. Last month, it was suggested that David James, D&N chairman, was considering relaunching Dan-Air under the Air Europe name.

Some foreign airlines were also interested, although a sale to an overseas buyer was expected to run into regulatory obstacles.

A spokesman for the administrators said: "Negotiations on a sale of the airline, which were taking place until a few days ago, have, unfortunately, not been brought to a successful conclusion."

Retail sales surge is a one-month wonder says CBI

By OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE sudden upsurge in sales in the high street in March, which carried retail sales up a record 3.6 per cent in a month, has proved to be a one-month wonder. Trade relapsed again in April, which proved another exceptionally lean month for shopkeepers and was worse than ever for motor dealers.

The volume of retail sales was no higher than in April last year, according to the latest survey of the distributive trades by the Confederation of British Industry. Though trade did not fall right back to the abysmal levels of January and February, when the Gulf war sapped consumer confidence, it was worse than November and December.

The CBI survey is likely to be confirmed today by government figures for retail sales, which some City analysts expect to show a fall of 2.5 per cent or more from March. Statistics on the money supply, due tomorrow, are also expected to indicate the low level of demand in the economy, with M0, the narrow measure of cash, probably rising less than 1 per cent over 12 months.

The March upsurge in retail sales was not expected to last, since the month included Easter this year, but not in 1990.

Shoppers also bought early to beat the deadline for the 2.5 point rise in the rate of value-added tax, imposed in the Budget. Leading retailers have, none the less, been disappointed by the level of sales last month.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said: "While the worst of the decline in the high street is probably behind us, a sustained recovery may still be some way off."

The picture for the distributive trades as a whole was somewhat better than for retail trade in April, with 21 per cent more respondents saying sales were down on a year ago than those recording an increase. This compared with a negative balance of 25 per cent in April, and 30 per cent or more in January and February, but appears only to reflect the benefit to wholesalers of the jump in retail sales in March.

The motor trade, by contrast, is now faring even worse than in the dark months of January and February. A balance of 79 per cent reported lower sales than a year ago, compared with 76 per cent in February, the previous worst month.

Unlike retailers and wholesalers, motor traders expect trade to be even worse in May.



Whittaker: worst over

BA faces Gulf and recession turbulence

By OUR CITY STAFF

BRITISH Airways may have lost a massive £220 million at the pre-tax level in the Gulf war and recession-struck final quarter, sending profits for the full year to end March down to between £100 million and £160 million, compared with £345 million in the previous year.

The balance of opinion among City followers, however, is that British Airways will maintain its final dividend, when results are announced tomorrow, to give a total for the year of 8.85p a share, rather than save it £68 million in costs.

However, Lord King of Wartnaby, the British Airways chairman, is expected to continue to look for further cost cuts in the wake of the agreement reached between the American and British governments, which allows American airlines, such as United and Britain's Virgin Atlantic, headed by Richard Branson, to use London's Heathrow airport, and the awarding of some of British Airways' Japanese routes to Virgin.

At present, 2,000 of British Airways' 45,000 staff are on short-time working.

Lord King's statement on prospects for the current year will be watched closely. At present, analysts expect British Airways to break even.

Just after the Gulf war broke out, the number of passengers carried was down 30 per cent year-on-year, but in April this had improved to a year-on-year fall of 11 per cent.

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Company liquidations soar to highest for 20 years

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE rate of company liquidations reached its highest level for 20 years in the first quarter of this year, surpassing anything that happened during the last recession.

In the three months to the end of March, 5,478 businesses went into compulsory or creditors' voluntary liquidation in England and Wales, a rise of 77 per cent from the first quarter last year.

Tim Hayward, head of corporate recovery at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountancy firm that produced the statistics, estimates that failures are likely to run at a similar level for the rest of the year. Total liquidations of more than 20,000 would be much higher than the previous record of 15,000 in 1985, when the economy was recovering from the last recession. The increase would comfortably exceed the 15 per cent rise in the total number of companies operating since then.

For larger companies, liquidation is often the last step in a process of collapse beginning with attempts at financial restructuring and running through to administration and receivership. Smaller companies often go straight into liquidation because there are insufficient assets to justify administration.

The record number of liquidations therefore reflect the severe impact of the recession on smaller businesses set up during the Eighties, including many service businesses, as well as those in luxury markets and high technology sectors. Such companies may be able to survive in the short term only by jeopardising or writing off long-term developments.

Mr Hayward said: "Liquidity will be more critical than profitability. It may become necessary to take action adversely affecting potential growth and profitability in the long term to ensure the company's survival in the short term."

He said companies should aim for modest trade at improved profit margins rather than rapid growth and should cut their own spending as well as chasing debtors hard.

More than half the liquidations in the first quarter came in London and the Southeast, where 3,071 companies failed, against 1,902 a year ago.

But the highest rate of increase came in South Wales and the Midlands, both up 130 per cent, while the Northwest and Southwest were both up more than 90 per cent. Personal bankruptcies in England and Wales jumped 94 per cent to 4,881, with a rise of 154 per cent to 698 in the Southwest.

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M&S aims to beat town centre blues

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

MARKS and Spencer, Britain's biggest high street retailer, is launching an initiative to protect town centre shopping, which faces erosion caused by the recession and the massive out-of-town developments, such as Lakeside in Thurrock, Essex, and Meadowhall in Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

M&S has sent packs to all its store managers, urging them to lobby the local community and telling them how best to help make town centres friendly places to shop. In effect, M&S has concluded that whatever it does to its own shops, trade will be damaged if the high street as a whole is unattractive.

Consumer spending power is at its low for the decade and more companies are concentrating on out-of-town developments. Out-of-town shopping has more than trebled its share of the market over the past decade and now accounts for 17 per cent of all retail sales. As a result, high street shops in many towns are suffering disproportionately.

Michael Green, head of M&S's estates department, has told managers: "With the attraction of edge-of-town shopping centres, the provision of sufficient facilities in town centres has never been so important. By being involved in the decision-making process, you will be ensuring the best facilities are provided and, therefore, encourage more customers to come into your town centre."

M&S managers have been asked to identify the factors that discourage people from shopping in their town centres. Ease of parking, mix of shops, cleanliness, security and facilities for the disabled are aspects that managers are asked to consider. There is information on who to contact and how to deal with local authorities, chambers of commerce and business groups.

Managers are encouraged to form action groups with other retailers and contact local authorities about problems such as litter, security, lighting and transport.

The initiative comes at a time when many out-of-town shopping centres are establishing management teams to ensure the centre is a comfortable place to shop. Lakeside is advertising on television facilities such as car parking, restaurants, extended opening hours and cinemas.

M&S is encouraging its managers to become more involved in community events, litter bin sponsorship and evening shopping for the disabled.

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Academics favour co-ordinated pay deals

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S academic economists are largely in favour of more co-ordinated pay bargaining, on the Japanese or German lines, in order to prevent high inflation and mass unemployment.

Most employers and trade union leaders remain sceptical about the value and practicability of co-ordinated pay bargaining — grouping most large pay deals together and reaching a settlement based on what the economy can afford — in spite of its success in such economically well-performing countries as Germany and Japan.

However, the support of the majority of Britain's academic economists, as measured by a survey by the Campaign for Work pressure group, will be used by co-ordination campaigners as further leverage on the issue.

The Downing Street policy unit, set up by John Major, has shown some interest in co-ordinated bargaining, but cancelled a discussion with the pressure group on the issue, after premature press disclosure.

The support given to the measure by the economists in the campaign's survey may well be seized upon by employers as evidence that the proposal is favoured only by academics removed from the reality of running businesses.

The survey, carried out by the Public Finance Foundation (PFF), the pay research arm of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Administration, surveyed 886 academic economists in 45 British universities. A total of 316 replied.

Of those, 65 per cent agreed with greater co-ordination as a way of discouraging pay-leapfrogging in companies and of helping rapid disinflation. Twenty-four per cent disagreed, and 11 per cent gave different answers.

Geoffrey Harcourt, an academic of Jesus College, Cambridge, said: "If Britain wants to rid the economic system of inflation and have stable and acceptable levels of employment and economic growth, policymakers must consider seriously the pay question."

Campaign leaders were delighted with the findings. Molly Meacher, the campaign director, said: "This is an unexpected and important result. The support of two-thirds of economists for the co-ordinated pay bargaining policy will encourage those in government who want an end to mass unemployment to press for action."

Much more mixed support was given to the campaign's employment principle — the offer of a temporary or a permanent job within a year of unemployment. The survey showed 43 per cent agreed, while 29 per cent disagreed and 27 per cent had other answers.

Comecon to be dissolved but links will remain

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

COMECON, the trade group that struggled for 42 years to integrate the economies of the Soviet bloc, will be dissolved next month.

Trade and economy ministers from the nine-nation Council for Mutual Economic Assistance made the decision at a two-day meeting in Moscow. The final Comecon meeting will be held in Budapest on June 28, Bela Kadar, Hungary's international economic relations minister, announced.

Member states would, however, continue to work together, helping each other down the difficult road to a market economy, and trying to revive their flagging trade, Mr Kadar said.

Comecon is made up of the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Cuba, Mongolia and Vietnam.

Comecon will formally cease to exist at the end of September, 90 days after the documents dissolving it are signed in Budapest. That meeting will be attended by economy and trade ministers, not the prime ministers who usually make up Comecon's ruling council.

Following the Budapest meeting, a liquidation commission will convene to discuss sharing out Comecon's property, which includes its headquarters in Moscow. A new consultative body, to discuss common problems and exchange economic information, is to be set up.

Mr Kadar said: "It will be a kind of forum enabling certain countries to open up to the world economy and to adapt to a market economy." The new body could also look at regional problems, such as the environment and infrastructure.

Ministers have not yet agreed details of the new organisation, including the question of whether its membership should be limited to Europe, or whether Comecon's Third World countries could participate.

Comecon was founded in 1949 to integrate the economies of the Soviet bloc by harmonising central plans and allowing different countries to specialise in different industries.

The Soviet Union, rich in natural resources but relatively underdeveloped, provided cheap energy and raw materials to its industrialised allies, who supplied it and each other with cheap, but poor-quality, manufactured goods.

Although Comecon succeeded in its aim — five years ago members were conducting 60 per cent of their foreign trade with each other — the system meant members were cut off from the world market and its competitive influences.

Trade was through a web of government barter pacts and deals were booked in an accounting unit, the transferable rouble, which could not be transferred in practice. This year, Comecon switched to hard currency and world prices, but lack of cash aggravated the recession in eastern Europe.

Mr Kadar and Vladimir Dlouhy, the Czechoslovak economy minister, agreed the problem was not a lack of demand from the Soviet Union for their countries' goods, but the lack of cash.

The Soviet Union was now looking sympathetically at ways of reviving trade through other payments methods, they said.

Stepan Sitaryan, the Soviet representative on Comecon and a senior aide on foreign economic relations to President Gorbachev, said the shift to hard currency payments had been necessary, but was causing problems.

Moscow was considering allowing barter deals between enterprises again, and allowing trade in national currencies, instead of hard, convertible currencies.

Accountants backed on control

THE Law Society has backed chartered accountants in their insistence that qualified accountants should keep 75 per cent control of all auditing firms.

In a submission to Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, the solicitors' body says there is no evidence that this would hinder competition.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, who has reviewed the accountancy institutes' applications to be professional regulators under the 1989 Companies Act, criticised their 75 per cent rule as anti-competitive since the act requires only a bare majority of auditing firms to be controlled by qualified auditors.

The institutes have urged Mr Lilley to reject Sir Gordon's criticism, arguing the regulations were "a crucial safeguard to protect the integrity and independence of audit firms".



Global approach: Val Hammond, director of research at Ashridge Management College, Hertfordshire

Ashridge adopts a worldwide view

By DEREK HARRIS

ASHRIDGE Management College, Hertfordshire, is planning to open a centre on the Continent, after research at companies throught Europe and in America.

Ashridge International Institute for Organisational Change is due to open in January, in the French Alps. It is being established, at an initial cost of about £500,000.

The institute, initially with an academic staff of about six, will be part of a research and education centre at an international business park in Haute-Savoie, France. There will be links with the University of Geneva, research centres and a number of high-technology businesses.

Val Hammond, director of research at Ashridge, said: "A survey at a wide spread of companies has shown us that while they may be clear about their overall strategies actually making them happen can be another matter. This is a gap in the market — managing the human aspects of change as business rapidly internationalises. Big mergers are increasingly an influence."

The Ashridge view is that an increasingly global business environment means a greater need for co-operation among different cultures and for less hierarchical structures. Ms Hammond said: "We believe it is important to be centrally in Europe, partly because of the symbolism of the single market. Those at the institute will be speaking more than one European language. We shall be taking a global rather than just a European view."

Companies and other organisations involved in problems of management change will be invited to help with research at the institute and to offer sponsorship.

Ashridge is seeking a director for the institute. On offer is about £50,000 a year plus fringe benefits.

Creditors likely to agree Polly plan

By MATTHEW BOND

UP TO 2,000 creditors have indicated that they are likely to attend Friday's meeting for those owed money by Polly Peck International, the fresh fruit to electronics group now run by administrators from Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte.

Those attending the meeting are expected to approve the administrators' plan for a long-term reconstruction of the company, rather than opting for immediate liquidation. An estimate that immediate liquidation would yield a return of only around 20p in the pound is thought to have persuaded many creditors that the Coopers' plan should be pursued.

Also on the agenda will be the report from Christopher Morris, of Touche Ross, the third administrator, whose brief was to investigate the possibility of any claims the company's members might have against Asil Nadir, its chairman, other directors of the company and any third parties involved.

Creditors will also elect a committee of five. A last-minute campaign has been launched in an attempt to ensure that at least one place goes to a representative of Polly Peck's ordinary shareholders. If that fails, all five places will be taken by banks.

Richard Stone, one of the administrators, said future profits under the reconstruction could not be estimated accurately. He pointed out that, historically, about 65 to 70 per cent of PPI's profit have come from the east Mediterranean, where the administrators' progress has been hampered by local court injunctions.

He said: "Because we have not had access to detailed management information in these areas, it is hard to project future profits."

Lloyd's names face further cash calls

By RODNEY HOBSON

MEMBERS of four more Lloyd's of London syndicates will be hit by cash calls this week. They will be told to pay in July to cover losses incurred mainly since 1988.

The four syndicates are managed by Gooda, which underwrites a full range of risks. Gooda says most of its syndicates are still trading profitably.

Worst hit will be the 1,800 names in syndicate 298, which specialised in marine reinsurance, a sector that suffered heavy losses from the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.

Syndicate 298 stopped writing business in December '89, but because Lloyd's keeps its books open for three years to allow time for claims to come in, two more cash calls will be made.

...es in this syndicate ha... already been hit twice to ...losses in 1988, paying 30 ...of their commitments ...a 7) ...cent call, both early last year.

There will be a further call for 50 per cent to close the 1988 year.

There will also be a call, possibly for as much as 100 per cent, for 1989. Figures are still being finalised.

Syndicate 299 had a "stamp" — underwriting capacity — of more than £40 million, so names will have put up about £100 million since the last profitable year, 1987. Profits from that paid for the original 30 per cent call.

Names in syndicate 290 will suffer two cash calls: 75 per cent for 1989 and 40 per cent for 1990. Syndicate 299 will require 55 per cent for 1988. There will also be an 18 per cent call for 1985, a year that was left open because the syndicate was involved in a dispute, which Gooda says was settled in its favour.

The smallest call falls on syndicate 164, where 30 per cent is required for 1989.

On some syndicates, profits from 1988 will help to soften the blow.

Reforms planned at HKSE

FROM LULU YU
IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong's securities and futures commission plans to overhaul the structure of the colony's stock exchange. The move comes three years after a revamp of the exchange.

Robert Owen, chairman of the commission, said: "The vast majority of brokers still see the exchange as an organisation which exists to promote the interests of members or shareholders.

"Self-regulation means putting the interests of the market and the public before that of brokers."

The commission and the government have sought to change the governance of the exchange by asking it to remove provisions that permit the distribution of dividends.

The exchange is a limited company that has accumulated profits of HK$226 million (£16.9 million) from seat purchases and transaction levies. It has a policy of not paying dividends to its 600 members, but the commission wants that policy formalised.

The securities watchdog also wants to reform the governing stock exchange council and its election procedures to make it more representative of those who generate business in the market.

In 1988, when the former exchange committee was replaced by a new council with a governor-approved list of candidates, it had membership accounting for 34 per cent of market turnover. Today, the elected council members represent less than 7 per cent of business volume.

Firms 'have no plans for takeovers'

HANSON'S stalking of ICI, which was typical of corporate activity in the Eighties, could become the exception rather than the rule in the Nineties (Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent, writes).

A survey of finance directors of 750 companies, conducted by 3i, the investment capital group, found that most of Britain's leading companies have no plans to resume their takeover spree.

Instead, most companies will rely on organic growth to form the main plank of expansion during the next five years.

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1,783,000	ASS Barnett	23	..	..	..	..
22.3m	ASD	76	+3	..	..	5.4
2,390,000	ATA Selection	15	..	1.3b	8.7	..
7,727,000	Aberdeen Pet	15	..	..	..	20.0
3,000,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	20	..	..	..	22.2
37.5m	Acal	198	0	5.5	3.3	10.5
8,631,000	Acorn Comp	153	-5	..	..	5.4
14.9m	Airspring	193	-5	7.5	4.6	12.5
58.5m	Alan Paul	135	-5	4.1	3.0	13.5
2,402,000	Aldrighton	39	..	..	..	21.1
30.5m	Allen	132	-5	9.4	4.7	8.5
1,932,000	Amberley Gp	28	+7	2.0	6.7	8.6
70.5m	Amer Bus Sys	198	+5	3.5	1.8	9.6
11.5m	Anglo Pac Res	15	..	..	..	..
4,621,000	Apollo Welsh Prods	9½	-½	0.7	7.4	8.2
21.2m	App Holographics	142	+2	..	..	..
28.1m	Ashtead	162	+16	5.5b	3.4	8.9
15.8m	Aspen Comms	98	0	10.5	7.7	9.1
237.1m	Aspray	286	..	8.8	1.9	13.9
831,000	Assoc Energy	3	..	..	..	..
1,798,000	Assoc Fenders	2041	..	..	..	..
8,105,000	Assoc Kinsley	112	-1	4.0	3.6	13.0
2,883,000	Atlantic Sec	13	..	..	..	22.8
61.2m	Atos Equipment	758	0	25.0	3.4	16.8
1,223,000	Audit General	3½	..	0.41	11.4	..
2,550,000	Automagic	21	-1	1.9	9.5	11.0
1,957,000	BSS Design	24	..	2.8	11.7	4.4
1,536,000	BCE	5½	..	..	..	..
6,120,000	BLP Group	78	-2	0.4	2.5	5.2
8,500,000	BWD	60	..	2.3	4.8	17.2
3,057,000	Bewetco	25	..	..	..	..
16.5m	Bicheerfam	47	..	4.0	10.5	4.8
1,350,000	Binford (William)	135	..	..	..	..
10.5m	Bonsons Crisps	136	..	3.7	2.7	10.9
3,778,000	Barry Birch & Noble	88	..	..	..	17.1
52.8m	Bolsar Cons Prods	283	+19	8.7	3.3	32.5
3,161,000	Bristol&Bathersea	75	-2	4.0	5.3	14.7
4,825,000	Bio Isolates	29	..	..	..	47.2
19.4m	Blagdon	11½	..	0.1	1.9	34.5
3,183,000	Bleasdale Motors	107	..	10.5	8.8	8.3
4,132,000	Blisabid Toys	82	-1	..	..	10.8
4,301,000	Border TV	174	+8	8.8	4.6	14.7
348.5m	Borland	228	..	..	..	..
18.5m	Bosmere Ind	98	+6	6.5	6.1	8.5
1,740,000	Br Bloodstock	46	..	..	..	5.8
8,118,000	Br Thornton	17	+2	..	..	..
7,700,000	Brompton Hldgs	43	..	1.3	3.0	25.5
14.4m	Bulk Resources	8	..	..	..	80.0
9,819,000	Business Tech	9	-½	0.5	10.8	3.9
940,000	CCS Gp	6	..	0.7	11.7	4.7
95.5m	CMI Micro	235	-5	9.1	3.4	14.8
9,018,000	CPU Comp	17½	..	0.9	4.5	10.8
21.5m	Cap & Regional	135	..	12	1.0	..
39.0m	Capita Gp	208	-1	5.5	2.9	16.4
10.2m	Carron Phoenix	28	..	1.5	2.0	76.0
2,662,000	Chantry Shaw	93	..	1.0	1.5	8.7
14.8m	Chase Comm	233	0	11.5	4.8	8.7
14.4m	Central Motor	108	-4	4.7	4.4	10.4
4,953,000	Chartwell	78	..	8.5	9.4	8.7
4,910,000	Chelsea Man	62	..	4.5	11.9	..
8,642,000	Chieftain Group	107	..	8.1	8.7	14.2
1,625,000	City & West	9½	..	..	..	..
3,549,000	City of Lon	88	..	8.5	8.5	8.9
9,547,000	Clarke Hooper	88	..	2.7	3.7	11.5
8,350,000	Clarke Hooper	135	..	5.9	10.7	3.3
1,079,000	Cleamark	23	-1	..	..	..
6,208,000	Cochrane Hs	109½	..	..	..	..
14.5m	Cohenpublic	189	0	8.2	10.8	8.8
32.4m	Colorvision	165	-5	7.5	4.7	14.5
2,443,000	Co of Designers	14	..	0.5	2.1	..
1,165,000	Comtec	71	..	..	..	..
36.3m	Conroy Pet	118	..	..	..	..
4,782,000	Cook (DC)	118	-1	1.9p	5.3	3.9
3,700,000	Cooper Clarke	180	-5	11.5	9.6	2.8
4,098,000	Corporate	128	..	3.5	7.2	9.4
9,223,000	Corp Services	2½	..	..	..	..
17.3m	Crestform	105	-7	2.8	2.5	15.1
1,481,000	Crestbrook	158	..	..	..	..
7,002,000	Cranswick	158	+5	7.8	7.4	12.1
9,251,000	Dalan Lodge	2	..	..	..	..
9,387,000	Creighton Nat	207	+5	7.7	5.7	66.9
14.1m	Crosscreek Oil Gp	37	..	..	..	..
10.8m	Crown Cons	108	-2	2.5	3.5	..
1,260,000	Crown Eye	85	..	4.8	4.7	7.2
2,291,000	Davies (DY)	41	..	..	..	3.5
4,950,000	Defesa	70	..	..	..	14.1
8,847,000	Denmore Elec	136	-5	7.5	5.8	10.4
	Diamond Gp		..	1.5f	..	..
37.1m	Dolphin Packaging	140	-5	5.7	4.1	12.4
35.1m	Druck	555	-5	11.2	2.0	14.0
1,291,000	Dunton	6½	..	..	..	..
5,130,000	Dudley Jenkins	105	..	6.0	5.0	16.5
8,851,000	Dunsers (DS)	98	..	2.7	2.0	6.8
5,968,000	EW Pest	135	0	5.1	3.8	14.8
8,429,000	Eadie	13	..	..	..	4.4
3,699,000	EPD	35	..	1.7	7.4	..
2,999,000	Edin Oil & Gas	17½	..	..	..	..
21.9m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	113	+1	5.5	4.9	..
19.7m	Epwin	122	0	6.5	5.3	9.1
29.5m	Eve Group	118	..	11.5	9.8	7.9
17.4m	Expanded Plc	98	-1	1.3	1.4	10.7
18.6m	Explosive Hldgs	222	..	..	..	..
34.8m	Fairhaven Int	145	0	..	..	..
7,882,000	Fairway London	5½	-½	1.0	7.4	11.2
36.2m	Fenwick	220	0	8.5	3.4	11.8
5,594,000	Filofax	71	..	6.5	9.2	8.8
2,980,000	Fleetbeck	88	..	..	..	12.5
4,094,000	Forminster	8	..	..	..	..
15.7m	Fraig (Mrs)	16½	..	..	..	24.4
6,471,000	Frotex	34	..	..	..	..
22.1m	Fryland	10	..	2.5	3.5	14.0
33.1m	Fluidtech	144	-1	1.3	0.9	14.0
10.8m	Ford Seller	24	..	..	..	8.8
5,502,000	Forward Gp	78	-5	2.5	8.0	8.8
10.6m	Pearson Gp	103	-1	11.5	8.9	8.4
8,410,000	French Com	98	-5	3.5	5.0	57.9
84.7m	Fuller Smith 'A'	251	-4	7.7	3.1	18.4
5,431,000	GCF Gp	28	-2	1.8	10.0	..
7,013,000	GWR Gp	224	-6	8.5	3.8	9.4
6,727,000	Gabbitas	98	-2	5.5	5.1	7.4
7,286,000	Gibbon Lyons	102	-5	6.5	7.8	5.8
10.9m	Gibbs Mew	183	-5	8.5	4.7	7.5
32.3m	Global Gp	97	..	6.7	2.9	8.8
34.4m	Great Southern	207	-5	11.5	5.5	12.5
19.4m	Grieve (Ernest)	82	..	5.5	6.7	6.1
4,840,000	Greenacre	7	..	0.5	4.3	14.9
480,000	Greenwich Comms	7	..	..	..	..
1,950,000	Grosvenor Sec	18	..	2.1	1.4	..
18.4m	Hadleigh Ind	195	-5	9.5	4.9	8.7
5,310,000	Hale House	7	..	..	..	..
3,743,000	Hampton Horsecare	88	..	2.5	2.8	12.5
7,118,000	Handley Walker	95	-5	10.7	10.8	7.4
3,708,000	Harcourt	8½	..	..	..	..
5,153,000	Harmony Leisure	12	..	..	..	..
7,570,000	Hartwell Lesle	2	..	..	..	2.5
5,694,000	Hawtin	118	-2	4.1	1.8	28.5
8,043,000	do 'A' LV	118	-5	4.1	3.5	21.9
1,778,000	Hettogn	68	..	..	..	..
6,708,000	Hewetson	98	..	5.0	7.5	8.7
2,808,000	Hey & Croft	31	..	..	..	..
1,669,000	Hillsire	60	..	..	..	7.3
4,000,000	Hobson	98	..	..	..	..
2,486,000	Holdens Tech	80	0	3.0	10.0	5.4
2,490,000	Honeysuckle Gp	30	..	..	..	..

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19.2m	Horsley	234	0-4	12.0	5.1	8.0
3,886,000	Hughes Food	6	-2	..	..	2.0
18.3m	Hunting Tech	228	-13	4.0	1.8	15.1
3,822,000	INSTEAD	16	-15	5.0	4.5	5.9
1,252,000	Int Comml	17	+½	..	..	..
1,091,000	Ibex Hdgs	8	..	2.5	30.8	0.8
16.5m	Inoco	8	..	..	..	..
11.3m	Interserve	78	+16	1.7	2.2	10.8
22.2m	Interlink Express	203	-32	11.2	5.5	8.4
7,032,000	Int Comp & Tele	17	+½	..	..	..
5,494,000	Int Media	3½	..	..	..	..
5,226,000	Int Resort	36	..	..	..	4.1
1,542,000	JMO Group	2	..	..	..	4.8
1,357,000	Kaye (PP)	5	..	..	..	..
7,825,000	Kennedy Res	18½	+½	..	..	..
28.1m	Kewill Systems	272	+17	6.0	2.2	10.0
5,481,000	LPA Ind	61	..	4.7	7.7	10.5
14.5m	Lambert	250	..	13.0	5.9	7.4
2,672,000	Lamp Stand	28	..	..	..	8.0
2,981,000	Lindo Pic	12	-½	1.5	2.8	28.1
1,600,000	LDW	38	..	1.3	3.5	49.8
5,105,000	Lincat	78	..	5.8	5.3	5.3
894,000	Lincoln Hse	6½	..	..	..	1.2
15.7m	Lon Forfaiting	151	..	5.5	3.6	8.6
119.0m	Lon Forfaiting	119	-1	8.7	8.2	21.0
9,405,000	MMT Comp	84	-5	4.0	4.8	9.2
93.4m	MTL Instruments	180	-5	8.7	1.9	14.0
10.0m	Magnetic Materials	55	-5	4.0	7.3	8.4
3,220,000	March Gp	11	..	..	..	..
8,838,000	Marylebone	18	-½	..	..	3.5
1,830,000	Maxiprint	4½	..	..	..	..
9,830,000	Maydom	48	-1	5.1	10.4	7.9
31.5m	Meiwa-Sealin	220	..	8.2	3.9	8.5
200,000	Merchant Mint Ent	0½	..	..	..	..
27.5m	Merrydown Wine	428	-5	9.3	2.2	20.4
13.0m	Metal Bulletin	142	..	8.2	5.8	12.4
24.5m	Micanite	182	0	8.5	4.7	8.4
18.3m	Microtec	128	..	5.5b	4.3	10.9
6,178,000	Microvitec	14½	-½	0.4	2.8	..
17.0m	Midland Scot Res	110	-4	..	..	22.0
3,265,000	Midsh Gp	17	..	2.8	16.5	4.8
8,135,000	Morris Ashby	78	..	5.5	7.3	8.8
10.4m	Mowat	11	-½	..	..	51.1
12.4m	New England Props	12½	..	..	..	10.4
270,000	Do 10%	938	..	100	11.1	..
2,140,000	Norbain	31	+1	2.0	12.8	12.8
11.5m	Northumbrian Fins	48	-1	2.0	4.2	..
901,000	Optometrics	9	..	..	..	..
6,951,000	Osborne & Little	97	..	7.7	7.9	8.7
5,226,000	PCT	120	..	8.0	6.7	10.4
3,847,000	Paser Systems	75	0	..	..	..
3,726,000	Paramount	10½	..	..	..	13.2
1,840,000	Pathfinders	7½	+½	..	..	23.5
11.1m	Pegasus	198	..	10.1	5.1	6.8
28.7m	Pepe Group	98	-2	6.7	6.8	4.1
48.5m	Pict Pet	110	..	..	..	17.3
2,767,000	Pinnacle	98	-5	4.0	5.0	10.0
2,053,000	Plasec	25	-½	..	..	4.7
1,765,000	Porth Gp	11½	..	0.7	6.1	..
11.3m	Portwin	51	..	4.0	4.5	7.9
3,840,000	Potters Leisure	98	..	8.0	6.3	17.9
0,027,000	Property Trust	1	..	..	..	..
15.6m	Pelon	71	..	3.2	4.5	12.4
11.8m	Quilligotti	44	..	2.5	7.1	8.6
2,671,000	RMT Gp	8	..	..	..	..
8,325,000	Radio City 'A'	378	+1	14.0	3.7	17.8
24.5m	Radio Clyde	275	-10	11.0	4.0	12.7
21.4m	Radius	93	..	3.5	3.8	8.6
9,432,000	Ramco Oil	36	0	2.7	4.8	13.7
3,257,000	Ramus	71	-4	..	..	..
16.4m	Rathbone Bros	238	+28	10.7	4.5	13.0
4,000,000	Real Time Control	98	..	1.5	2.2	..
1,980,000	Regal Hotels	11	-1	7.8	60.0	..
2,383,000	Regina Health	2½	..	..	..	..
28.5m	Rellance Sec	212	-5	9.9	4.7	13.7
2,400,000	Rentamotor	18	..	..	..	..
5,980,000	Rhis	88	..	..	..	13.5
53.4m	Resort Hotels	80	+1	4.5n	5.6	10.0

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
11.1m	Rigdet	74	0-4	5.7	7.7	8.0
13.4m	RPS Group	112	..	4.3	3.9	11.8
4,951,000	RSP Ind	1	+1	1.4	10.6	5.0
800,000	RPS Consultancy	10	..	1.5	..	33.3
1,575,000	Randall	43	..	2.2	5.3	..
14.8m	Reuters Sidney	307	+5	11.5	3.7	32.5
10.7m	Rhino	44	-1	..	..	..
4,320,000	Rod Stabbins	42	+1½	2.0	4.8	..
3,479,000	Rosmon	91	..	4.7	5.2	6.7
19.8m	Rec Archives	221	+9	8.5	4.3	10.7
1,500,000	Select App	7	-1	..	..	..
8,198,000	Shell Overfla	95	..	2.7	10.8	8.4
5,161,000	Shepherd-Reeve	58	0-1	4.0	6.8	8.0
4,449,000	Sheldon Jones	46	..	2.5	7.3	8.0
2,300,000	Shelton (Kevin)	46	..	2.2	7.3	7.0
5,670,000	Sheriff Hldgs	91	-4	5.0	7.3	6.1
6,000,000	Sherwood Comp	118	0-4	7.5	6.3	6.9
60.8m	Sherwood Group	233	-7	12.1	5.4	12.5
2,865,000	Sharpe	136	0-1	8.5	5.6	7.7
3,700,000	Soundtracks	37	..	2.0	7.3	8.4
35.3m	Spectrum	130	..	7.5	2.2	13.5
2,858,000	Specialtyprep	16	..	..	..	..
2,177,000	Stainless Metal	38	..	..	..	..
118.5m	Stanhope Props	72	-6	5.1	5.1	14.0
10.5m	Sterling Pub	98	+2	8.5	7.5	8.4
11.5m	Sterling Ind	46	-1	6.5	9.5	7.9
10.8m	Sunsligh Elect	17	-1	..	..	..
24.2m	Sutherland	45½	-½	2.7	4.5	..
2,828,000	Synapse Comp	90	-1	4.5	5.5	..
780,000	TDS Circuits	9	..	..	..	..
7,288,000	TLS Range	43	..	2.4	5.5	8.8
34.0m	TMD Advert	238	-4	8.4	3.5	16.3
120.2m	TV-am	161	-2	10.7	10.3	7.3
5,775,000	Tanaio	32	-3	..	..	11.3
5,472,000	Tinsley (Silas)	78	..	5.5	5.7	6.8
7,376,000	Titon	98	+5	4.5	5.9	12.8
3,483,000	Tomes Hire	51	+1	2.1	4.3	11.9
1,300,000	Total Systems	13	..	..	..	..
2,527,000	Transvod	3	..	..	..	..
13.7m	Transworld	128	..	..	..	8.5
8,057,000	Trent	98	..	4.3	5.0	11.2
21.7m	Trenchermood	85	..	..	..	4.8
4,845,000	Trenton Hldgs	44	+1	..	..	8.4
8,788,000	Trifton	15	..	0.7	4.7	..
2,713,000	Tubular Edgin	31	-1	2.0	12.8	4.7
1,081,000	Tudor	26	0	1.5	12.9	8.8
295.5m	Utd Friendly	373	+13	13.7	3.7	28.8

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High price of low inflation

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

For the first time in 15 years, Britain has a Chancellor who seems to understand economics. Norman Lamont's remark last week, that soaring unemployment was the price that had to be paid to reduce inflation, may have been judged a gaffe by other politicians; but for economists, Mr Lamont should become the symbol of Britain's gradual awakening from an Orwellian nightmare. The nightmare began in 1976 when Denis Healey first acknowledged, under the tender guidance of the thought police from the International Monetary Fund, that there could never be a political choice between higher inflation and higher unemployment. To most people who had studied economics during the subject's intellectual heyday in the Fifties and Sixties, this statement was equivalent to Winston Smith's admission that two plus two equalled five.

Everything that had been inconceivable suddenly became possible and even plausible — from unemployment of 3 million and trade deficits of £15 billion in the midst of an oil export boom, to banning unofficial strikes and taking on Arthur Scargill. For most people in Britain, the political and social benefits of the monetarist revolution far outweighed the economic costs. This was, perhaps, why economists kept quiet, even though they knew that the government's premise was indefensible, in John Major's phrase, a "Big Lie".

This lie, which Norman Lamont finally nailed last Thursday, was the pretence that inflation could be reduced without creating unemployment. Until the monetarist revolution 15 years ago, the short-term choice between lower inflation and more jobs, represented by the predictable relationship between inflation and unemployment known since the Fifties as the "Phillips Curve", was regarded as one of the few well documented and reliable facts of economic life.

A country could improve the trade-off over time by improving the supply side of its economy, by making its labour markets more efficient, curbing corporate monopolies, eliminating industrial and infrastructural bottlenecks with higher investment and increasing international competitiveness through innovation. But such improvements in the supply side were bound to take years to achieve tangible results — and the trade-off could, of course, become worse. Britain suffered supply-side mischiefs in nightmarish profusion; Harold Wilson's hesitation over devaluing sterling, which left British industry uncompetitive for most of the Sixties investment boom; waves of industrial unrest that ended with the open class warfare of the Seventies; the oil shocks of 1973 and 1979. Not surprisingly, the Phillips Curve trade-off deteriorated throughout this period. Each cyclical boom produced higher inflation and each trough left more people unemployed.

Mrs Thatcher rightly decided to put a stop to this rake's progress. But while she herself may have realised that inflation could be permanently defeated only with supply-side improvements, she allowed her economic strategists, led by Nigel Lawson, to pretend the opposite. Inflation was henceforth a purely monetary problem. To effect a permanent cure, a purely monetary prescription was therefore needed.

It might be monetary targets, or medium-term financial strategies, or exchange-rate mechanisms. The precise brand of snake-oil that caught Mr Lawson's fancy at any given time was unimportant; what was essential about the monetarist ideology was the idea that monetary policies were the sole determinant of inflation, and conversely that unemployment rates were not affected by macroeconomic management at all.

This principle made it possible to blame the unions and other supply-side impediments for unemployment, while the Treasury took the credit for lower inflation and washed its hands of the unemployed.

This deception worked well enough in the early Eighties because the public accepted the government's political premise — that unions were ruining the British economy. Unemployment was seen as a worthwhile price for defeating Arthur Scargill and Mr Lawson's musings on economic theory hardly mattered. But the public will not swallow the same story a second time.

If the government wants to reduce underlying inflation it can do so through supply-side measures. It can break up monopolies created by the merger mania of the last decade. It can go back on the absurdly generous pricing formulae that have allowed privatised utilities to fleece their consumers — one of the reasons for last week's disappointing inflation figures was that the water industry increased its prices 17 per cent. It can stop scoring inflationary own goals like the switch to value-added tax from poll tax in the Budget.

But instead of pursuing such policies, the government is offering a different bargain — half a million more unemployed in exchange for 2 per cent less inflation. At this stage of the economic cycle, the public's answer is likely to be straightforward. If these are the terms on offer, lower inflation is simply not worth the price.

Brent Walker heads for another high noon

THE rise of Brent Walker from obscurity to the front rank of the leisure industry owes almost everything to George Walker, its former chairman, now chief executive, and a one-time boxer. Unfortunately, Mr Walker's qualities have done nothing to help the group when it fell on hard times.

This week is crunch time yet again for Brent Walker. By its end, Mr Walker could be out entirely, or the group might even be pushed into administration, both courses favoured by at least some of the raft of banks who are owed £1.5 billion.

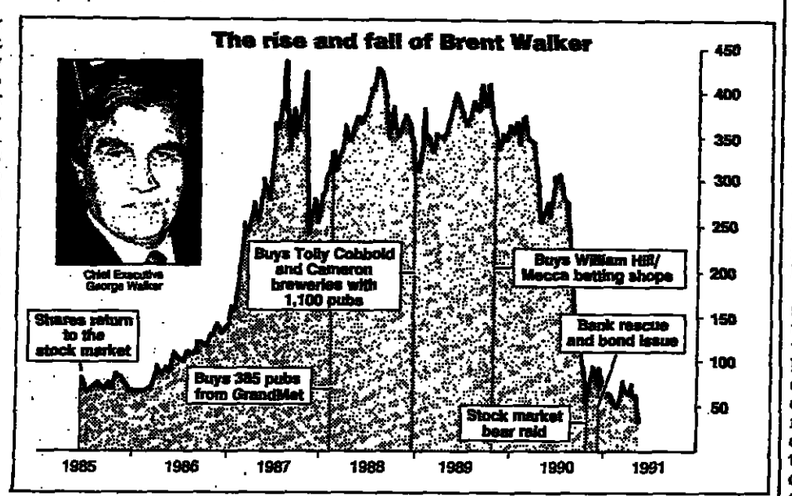
Mr Walker has already issued a warning that the group will today have to announce a thumping loss for 1990, reflecting the crumbling value of its properties. Fears that these and other assets may not be enough to clear the debts, even if they are sold gradually and in an orderly manner, has sent the share price tumbling to an all-time low.

The George Walker story could have been tailor-made for the entrepreneurial, egalitarian Eighties. It featured a man from a humble East End background and a youthful involvement in crime overcoming all the odds and using the twin financial tools of the decade, frequent share issues and easy access to debt, to build an empire.

George Walker's *annus mirabilis* was 1988, the year after the stock market crash, when he pulled off some of his most audacious deals. It also saw the first concern over the size of his borrowings.

In 1982, he was forced under takeover rules to take the company private. Brent Walker re-emerged on to Stock Exchange screens three years later. At the same time, it exercised an option to buy Brighton Marina for £13 million.

The Brighton purchase, and the decision to buy London's Trocadero development, were two occasions when George Walker appeared to have been right and the experts wrong. Both properties were regarded as white elephants. It took great vision, and complete rebuilding, to turn the marina into a success, possibly worth ten times what he paid for it by 1989. In the same year, with some help from rising property prices, the Troc, bought with a neighbouring site for £90 million in 1987, was valued at £240 million.



The deals came so fast that the City was in danger of losing track. The commonest complaint, which held back the rating the shares could command, was that it was impossible to discern any clear direction in the rash of deals.

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Mr Walker bought into casinos; he sold them later. He bought Lonrho's drinks business, for a staggering earnings multiple; much of that was later sold. Brent Walker became a force in the brewing industry with a chain of pubs and a couple of breweries. The pubs stay for now, although late on Friday the group said it was considering selling the one remaining brewery.

By the end of 1988, the group had debts of £900 million and gearing of 150 per cent. Mr Walker began to talk of cash-raising by disposals. Not all of these came about. Mr Walker likes buying things but is less keen on their sale. A now-chastened banker described negotiating disposals with him as "like nailing jellyfish to the wall".

The Deal Too Far, by common agreement, was the September 1989 acquisition of Grand Metropolitan's betting shops for £685 million. This necessitated more disposals, not necessarily at ideal prices and led to an as yet unresolved court case with the vendor.

Most importantly, it again raised doubts over the group's direction. George Walker said he saw betting shops as "the pubs of the 1990s", social centres for the family. This vision was not shared by the City.

Observers during the growth years talk of his cavalier disdain for firm numbers. In boom times the City could overlook this, focusing on the man, his vision, and his undoubted deal-making abilities. When times got tougher, so did the questioning.

Mr Walker would always insist that the City's unease, and an alleged "whispering campaign" came down to basic mistrust of a man who once, more than 30 years ago, had spent time in jail for taking part in a robbery. But this is doubtful. The City has never been that fastidious in backing winners with money. Any difficulties Brent Walker had in finding finance or shoring up its share price are probably more to do with lingering doubts over the pace and direction of its growth.

By last summer, George Walker, to use one of the boxing metaphors that were a gift to journalists, was on the ropes. In September, Brent Walker became a victim of one of the "bear raids" common at the time, halving the share price.

A long drawn-out saga over a £103 million convertible bond issue led to another last-minute escape, as the last of the money materialised at the eleventh hour. One black day in October, the shares traded at 18½p, valuing the group at just £10 million. The long-delayed refinancing was announced in November, but the talks are still continuing.

Mr Walker has already had to cede some management control. Questions are being raised over the need for a proven deal-maker at the helm of a group perforce barred from doing any deals save forced disposals.

His advisers admit his tendency to view people in black and white. You are either wholeheartedly for him, or a proven enemy. This week he may find there are too many people in the opposite corner.

MARTIN WALLER

A Spanish lesson for Britain

GILT-EDGED

The monetary authorities in Madrid have discovered in the past few weeks what they should have known all along: that, as a junior member of the exchange-rate mechanism, they have no scope to implement a domestic credit policy.

Once they undertook to link the peseta to the other units in the system at a fixed rate, they surrendered their monetary independence. They would prefer to keep interest rates high and credit scarce, with the wholly virtuous objective of moderating their relatively high inflation rate. But that is irrelevant. They no longer have the authority to do so.

If their attempted money squeeze drives up the peseta to the point of obligatory intervention, they have either to loosen their own monetary environment or persuade the other members of the community to tighten theirs (in which case, the Spanish would cease to be a junior member of the club). The only other option open to them is to revalue their currency, which undermines the rationale (stability) for having joined the system in the first place.

Whichever option they choose, they are left with a higher "real exchange rate", whether via temporarily higher inflation at a fixed parity or a rise in parity with less excess inflation. The instability of their position has arisen because, in the view of the markets, they entered the mechanism at too low a level. Only after a correction has occurred is equilibrium possible; monetary convergence and inflation rate conformity can proceed smoothly. Attempts by the Spanish authorities to pervert the correction (by intervening in the currency markets, for instance) only increase and prolong the instability.

The Spanish issue parallels the British condition to a remarkable degree.

Here, we have a reputation for understanding the intricacies of international financial and monetary affairs, but this reputation is wholly undeserved, or well camouflaged, to judge by the debate that currently surrounds our interest rates.

The "siren" voices calling for cuts in the cost of borrowing, and, indeed, the less seductive ones urging restraint, miss the point that the authorities in London no longer have the scope to decide either way. They can no more cut rates when sterling is weak than resist cutting them when it is strong. There is some political justification, perhaps, for Norman Lamont pretending otherwise, since he might have to deal with a backbench revolt if the Tory party's anti-Europe wing was to appreciate the extent to which parliament had been emasculated. There can be none at all for the press and City economists joining in the orgy of neanderthal self-deception.

Interest rates in Britain these days are determined by the interaction of a supply of money that is set by the Bundesbank and a demand for it that reflects the condition of the domestic economy. The interest rate cuts that have occurred thus far in 1991 are the result, not of any judgments made by the Treasury or the Bank, but of the steep slide in levels of activity here. For the future, too, all that matters is the trajectory of the economy, on the one hand, and the monetary predilections of the new boss of the Bundesbank, on the other.

As it happens, this makes prospects quite favourable. Since Britain's real GNP will continue to contract fairly sharply during the summer, and since the Germans are likely to turn on the credit taps in the autumn to limit the impact of their recession, rate cuts in Britain will probably exceed the estimates of even the optimists. Base rates in single digits by the year end are an odds-on shot, and a firm, but not spectacularly firm, gilt market is in prospect.

The one near-term negative is inflation. If, like the Spanish, we have entered the ERM at too low a rate, we shall probably find that the pace of price moderation disappointingly slow. For gilts, this may not matter very much. Sterling will stay towards the top end of its permitted range as the market attempts to effect a "real" revaluation, so foreign investors will be keen buyers of Treasury issues. Yields in the quite near term will fall to levels that anticipate the inflation rate that will emerge subsequently.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bretton Woods on the market

OFFERS will be sought next month for the historic place where Lord Keynes inspired 700 international financiers and officials from 44 countries in 1944 to work out the post-war "Bretton Woods" international monetary order. Mount Washington Hotel & Resort in the American New Hampshire countryside of Bretton Woods, which also played host to Winston Churchill and Alfred Hitchcock, is on the market as the result of the collapse of another financial system, America's savings and loans. Banking regulators are to auction a 34-room inn, the 177-room hotel, swimming pool, and 125-seat restaurant on June 26.

In touch for Wales

PAUL Thorburn, the Welsh rugby captain, has been appointed by the Welsh Development Agency to market South West Wales to potential inward investors. Thorburn, aged 28, who trained as a salesman with Glaxo, will seek to attract biotechnology and biomedical companies to the Swansea Bay area. Since April 1988, South West Wales has received £200 million worth of inward investment from 47 companies — adding 8,500 new jobs to the region.

Mother tongues

Sir Alastair Morton, the South-African born chief executive of Eurotunnel, is not a man to be crossed lightly. He was speaking at a conference of European management consultants in London on Thursday — about, of all things, the art of communication — when a Dutch delegate stood up in the crowd to make a point. Communication was not, said the man, so much about who delivered the message but about who received it. In an attempt to impress — or confuse — those present, he launched into his mother-tongue — whereupon Morton took him apart ... in Afrikaans.



Peacock flies off

EXECUTIVES at the new Nissan distribution company, Nissan Motor (GB), are smarting over the defection of one of their first key appointments. The company — into which the Japanese are putting £40 million to take over from Nissan UK — took on Stephen Peacock, former dealer development manager for Toyota (GB), to lead the drive to recruit new dealers. But to their horror, Peacock pulled out at the last minute and went back to Toyota. "It's a bit odd," says Dan Ward, Nissan's British spokesman. The intrepid Peacock, meanwhile, is doing his best to keep a low profile.

Drug squad

MORGAN Stanley has notched up another success in the bid to develop its London research department. Today, Duncan Moore and James McKean, formerly of Muir-Carby Bottkjaer, the research boutique, join the department. They have been brought in to set up a new pharmaceuticals team. "We are thrilled to have them on board," says David Roche, managing director and head of European research, who hopes to add another three or four sectors this year, including a media team. Moore has a PhD in biochemistry from Cambridge, while McKean has worked for Rentokil and Ciba-Geigy.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

British Telecom likely to ring right numbers

BRITISH Telecom, which is chaired by Iain Vallance, is expected to ring up full-year pre-tax profits of £3.05 billion (£2.69 billion) on Thursday. County NatWest forecasts a 14 per cent rise in earnings per share to 33.2p with a 10 per cent increase in the dividend to 13p.

The second-half results should show further progress on cost controls (after redundancies), although this will be set against slowing growth in volume. The growth in inland call volume was 6 per cent and in international calls 9 per cent last year, although County thinks these figures deteriorated in the final quarter.

Further news is awaited after the announcement from the Treasury that part of the government's 49 per cent holding in BT will be sold in November.

TODAY

Associated British Foods, Garry Weston's baking and milling group, is expected to report an advance in pre-tax profits to £304 million (£283.8 million) for the 12 months to March, according to Richard Allan at Kleinwort Benson. Market forecasts range from £303 million to £312 million.

The figures will be boosted by a three-month contribution from British Sugar. The results will be second interim figures as AB Foods is changing its year end to September.

Brent Walker, George Walker's debt-laden leisure group, recently postponed the announcement of its annual results and issued a warning that it will make big writedowns and show "a substantial loss".

Interims: F&C Eurotrust, Sedgwick Group (first quarter).
Finals: Associated British Foods, Brent Walker, Goldsmith Group, Halls Homes & Gardens, Prowting, Stratton Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (April), retail sales (April – provisional).

TOMORROW

Profits at **British Airways**, which is headed by Lord King, the chairman, and Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive, are expected to slump after one of the most testing periods the airline industry has ever experienced.

Tim Coombs, at County NatWest, has pencilled in full-year pre-tax profits of £160 million (£345 million).

However, Mr Coombs fears that this figure, which includes an estimated £80 million from aircraft sales and about £55 million of restructuring costs, could be lower. Market forecasts have a broad spread, ranging from £100 million to £160 million.

Analysts expect the first-half pre-tax profits at **Compass Group**, the contract catering and healthcare company, to climb to between £15.5 million and £16 million, compared with £13.7 million last time.

Interims: Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust, Archimedes Investment Trust, Compass Group, Fairline Boats, New Zealand Investment Trust, River & Mercantile American Capital and Income Trust, Tunstall Group, Willis Corroon (first quarter), Yorkshire Television, Young (H) Holdings.
Finals: British Airways, British & American Film Holdings, Cornac Group, Cook (William), Readicut International, Shires Investment.
Economic statistics: London and Scottish banks monthly statement (April), provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (April).

WEDNESDAY

The first-quarter profits from **BAT Industries**, the international tobacco and financial services conglomerate chaired by Sir Patrick Sheehy, will show an increase, reflecting the improvement in stock markets. Pre-tax profits for last year fell 46 per cent to £963 million, largely due to a bad year in the general insurance business of Eagle Star.

Andrew Goodwin, at UBS Phillips & Drew, has pencilled in first-quarter pre-tax profits of £230 million, against £180 million last time.

Last year, Eagle Star made a £12 million investment loss, while a £45 million profit is expected this time. Market forecasts range from £200 million to £260 million.

Interim pre-tax profits at **Bass**, the brewing and hotels group chaired by Ian Prosser, are expected to fall to £215 million (£247 million), according to Smith New Court.



British Telecom is forecast to lift its dividend by 10 per cent as profits top £3 billion: Iain Vallance, chairman

Market forecasts range from £195 million to £219 million. However, the interim dividend is expected to rise by 10 per cent to 9.9p.

The group had given warning at its annual meeting in January that profits would be 10 per cent lower in the first quarter as beer volumes slipped 1.5 per cent.

Bass's brewing and public houses side will have been affected by the recession and group reorganisation, while the Holiday Inns hotel chain has suffered from the Gulf war.

Bass's brewing division, which contributes 30 per cent of group trading profits and has a leading share (23 per cent) of the British beer market, is likely to have seen volumes fall further in the second quarter.

The public house retailing section, which accounts for about 37 per cent of group profits, faces big changes to comply with the tied-house rules.

Bass said in January that hotel bookings had been depressed and analysts feel that the poor state of the American economy, where most Holiday Inns are based, and the lack of tourist travel due to the Gulf war would further reduce room occupancy.

Further news is awaited on progress after March's £557.9 million rights issue, which was launched to help reduce borrowings and fund further investment.

Robert Fowlds, at Kleinwort Benson, expects the net asset value at **Land Securities** to decline to 710p (867p) a share. Market forecasts range from 670p to 720p.

Mr Fowlds is looking for final pre-tax profits of £210 million (£175 million), reflecting the rent review and new rental income from the development programme.

County NatWest expects interim pre-tax profits at **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, the bakeries and foods group, to rise 4 per cent to about £80 million. Market forecasts range from £74 million to £82 million.

Annual pre-tax profits at **Courtaulds**, the speciality materials group, are expected to reach £175 million (£168.1 million), according to Philip Morrish, at Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £175 million to £180 million.

Interims: Asea AB (quarterly), Baggeridge Brick, Bass, BAT Industries (first quarter), BCE, Commercial Union (first quarter), Dunedin Worldwide Investment Trust, Esselte AB (first quarter), Ferry Pickering Group, Fleming High Income Investment Trust, Wheelock.
Finals: Blacks Leisure Group, Chamberlin & Hill, Courtaulds, Foster (John) & Son, Land Securities, Plysu, York Waterworks.

Economic statistics: Gross domestic product (output-based) (first quarter – preliminary), construction – new orders (March – provisional), manufacturers and distributors stocks (first quarter – provisional).

THURSDAY

A disappointing second half at **Storehouse**, the BhS, Habitat and Mothercare group headed by Michael Julien, is likely to mean a decline in final pre-tax profits to about £25 million (£33 million), according to Nick Bubb at Morgan Stanley. Market forecasts range from £20 million to £27 million.

David Kadarauch, at Robert Fleming Securities, forecasts final pre-tax profits of £284 million (£260 million) for **Whitbread**, the brewer. Market forecasts range from £284 million to £294 million.

A cautious trading statement is expected, with about four-fifths of profits coming from the basic beer and pubs business. About 50 per cent of Whitbread's estate is in the South. Beer volumes could be down by 2 or 3 per cent.

Pub food has also been affected by the squeeze in consumer spending, while the catering and hotel interests, which account for about 20 per cent of group profits, will have been "hit very hard".

Interims: Acatos & Hutcheson, Archer (AJ) Holdings, Dobson Park Industries, Hamlo Gold Mines, Morland & Co, Shaftesbury, Thornton (GW) Holdings, Turkey Trust, Warner Estate Holdings.
Finals: Airflow Streamlines, Allied Provincial Securities, Alpine Group, Bio-Isolates, British Telecom, Gerrard & National Holdings, Honda Motor Co, Storehouse, Thames Television, Whitbread, Yorkshire Water, Young and Co's Brewery.
Economic statistics: Balance of payments, current account and overseas trade figures (April).

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Economic statistics: Building societies monthly figures (April), engineering sales and orders (March), CBI monthly trends enquiry (May).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Superstore recovery 'unlikely until 1992'

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ELECTRICAL, do-it-yourself and furniture retailers who have moved out of town into large shed-type stores, and who are suffering badly in the recession, are unlikely to see any upturn in trading until the end of the year at the earliest.

A report by Verdict, the market research group, says most superstore retailers will have to wait until well into next year before any recovery becomes visible.

"For many years, the out-of-town sector has enjoyed uninterrupted growth. This has led to massive physical expansion, some of which has not been planned with sufficient care and analysis," says the report.

"A recession highlights the deficiencies of any business and superstore retailers have been no exception. Lowndes Queensway has already collapsed and it is unlikely to be the last. Even efficient, well managed businesses like Sainsbury's Homebase have had to shut several stores whose performance fell short of what was required."

The report says that overall the retail sector in Britain has grown by 20 per cent in terms of new space opened in the past decade.

This is the first period in recent times in which capacity has increased significantly and the explosion in new shopping space has occured mainly in out-of-town shopping centres.

About 80 per cent of the increased capacity has occurred out of town with the development of 60 million sq ft of superstore space since 1980. This trend should resume at a more modest pace once the weaker elements in the superstore sector have been squeezed out.

The total amount of out-of-town space will have passed 100 million sq ft by the mid-Nineties. Even this would, however, represent less than half the rate of expansion of the past five years.

Total sales through superstores reached £21 billion last year, and 17 per cent of all retail sales now occur out of town compared with under 5 per cent in 1980.

Verdict says that large slices of business have now been removed from the high street, which is becoming an increasingly difficult location from which to sell furniture, electrical appliances and heavy home improvement goods.

The one out-of-town sector that has proved resilient to the recession has been supermarkets.

Argyll's rights issue last week will allow it to compete more aggressively out of town with Sainsbury and Tesco, which are both spending heavily on new superstore openings.

The past five years have seen explosive growth in superstore sales with combined turnover increasing by 150 per cent since 1985. Verdict expects growth of 65 per cent over the next five years although almost all of this growth will occur after 1992.

The short term will prove very difficult for furniture and do-it-yourself superstores, says the report.

Electricals and grocery stores will fare better with both expected to show double digit growth this year. Competition in grocery supermarkets is, however, likely to lead to a small drop in the volume of sales per square foot over the next five years.

British firms see S Africa potential

From STEPHEN TAYLOR IN CAPE TOWN

BRITISH interest in trade with South Africa has grown. Despite concern over factional violence and stability, British trade delegates have a buoyant view of the long-term potential for business in the country.

Twelve members of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on a two-week visit to South Africa, said investors were waiting for evidence of stability before ploughing money into the country. British trade sources, however, said the growth of the black consumer market offered valuable opportunites.

Michael Underwood, general manager of ITW Adhesives, the delegates' leader, said: "It is important not just to look to the quick opportunity. It has to be waited for in the light of socio-economic developments. But I think an analysis of the market over the next ten years would demonstrate enormous potential."

His views were echoed by Alfred Rolington, chief executive of Lloyd's of London Business Press, who said he felt many South African businessmen were unduly, if understandably, pessimistic about the future.

Five more British trade missions are being considered for this year. The LCCI also visited South Africa in April last year.

Mr Underwood said the purpose of the visit had been to find agents or partners, or revive arrangements that had been dormant. Joint ventures and technology transfer were seen as the next step.

Paul Hayball, director of Export Market Development, a horticultural firm, said South African businesses were thirsty for technology and investment.

He added: "We are finding some advanced technology, but there is certainly scope for new products once local development work has been done."

CAPITAL MARKETS

Accounting for Amps can present problems

LAST week's £212 million sale of Biffa, the waste management firm, could not have come at a better time for BET, the vendor. Like so many aggressive, acquisitive, fast-growth stocks of the Eighties, it is now heavily indebted and unpopular with the City.

On the face of it, the disposal seems to have dealt with the balance sheet problems that were causing concern. Gearing has been reduced from more than 80 per cent to a more respectable 40 per cent – unless you count the American auction market preferred shares (Amps) issued by the company as debt, that is. If you do, the post-disposal gearing figure rises to about 150 per cent.

Like all the British companies that have raised this form of finance, BET accounts for its Amps as permanent share capital and the dividend payments on the shares as below the line distributions.

This has the effect of reducing gearing and enabling the issuer to increase pre-tax profits. Are BET and its fellow Amps issuers right to do so?

According to IBCA, the rating agency, there are dangers in this approach that could prove misleading to users of corporate accounts. For a start, can the Amps genuinely be classed as permanent capital and, therefore, be excluded from the gearing calculation?

As Rank's decision to redeem its Amps in March showed, Amp dividend rates are set by a process beyond the issuer's control, unlike ordinary share dividends. So, if the monthly auction sets the dividend at a level that makes the cost of the Amps unattractive, they are likely to be refinanced by bank borrowings.

The IBCA report says: "If Amps are classed as equity, such a change will produce a revision of the company's finance structure, with a rise in debt and corresponding decrease in equity, which could result in a dramatic increase in the issuer's gearing ratios."

Current Amps issuers that decided to follow Rank's example because of, say, a rating downgrade, would, in some cases, suffer dramatic increases in gearing. For example, the gearing figure for ECC, which had $400 million issued at the last year end, would rise from 35.5 per cent to 89.7 per cent.

Another way to look at it would be to include the Amps dividends with the other debt servicing charges to give a net interest cover figure. Given the importance of interest cover ratios in bank loan agreements, the difference between interest cover figures, including and excluding Amps dividends, could be crucial.

IBCA says: "It would appear to be feasible for a company to overcome an expected fall in coverage merely by switching to this form of finance."

In order to reduce the possibility of producing misleading accounts, IBCA proposes that Amps should be disclosed on the balance sheet separately from ordinary shareholders' equity; notes to the accounts should give full issue and redemption details; and dividends payable on the Amps should be disclosed separately.

In the atmosphere of accounting reform pervading the financial community, it is easy to imagine these types of changes being introduced. If so, they would certainly reduce the attractions of issuing Amps. One of the main benefits of the instruments adds up to little more than an accounting sleight of hand. Remove the veil and the magic doesn't work.

JONATHAN PRYNN

SMALLER COMPANIES

Bullish mood may signal change of gear at Vardy

MOTOR dealers have caught the headlines for all the wrong reasons. The dramatic slump in demand for new cars and the substantial losses incurred by manufacturers such as Ford UK have obviously had an adverse impact on investor sentiment.

The sector underperformed the rest of the stock market by 39 per cent in 1989 and 1990, and even though successive cuts in interest rates have encouraged a modest recovery, demand for motor shares is still thin.

Reg Vardy came to the stock market in October 1989, just as the motor sector entered this extended period of decline. So it should come as no surprise to learn that its shares, after an initial flourish, have not exceeded the placing price of 90p since the first day of trading.

The shares dipped to 66p in January and bumped along the bottom until the end of the Gulf war, which sparked a stock market rally and hoisted Vardy up to the current level of 85p. The company's market capitalisation has slipped by £1.5 million to around £27 million despite the acquisition of Ford dealerships in Reading and Wolverhampton. Pre-tax profits rose from £3.8 million to £4.4 million in its first full year as a quoted company.

Although a downturn to £4 million is forecast for the year ended April, this represents a solid performance compared with the rest of the sector, underpinned by relatively strong demand in Vardy's heartland in the Northeast, particularly for used cars, which account for 60 per cent of sales.

Against this background, one would expect this family-controlled company, built up by Peter Vardy, the executive chairman, to have few good words for the City. Instead, the mood at the company's headquarters near Newcastle, Tyne and Wear, is bullish.

Panmure Gordon, the brokers who brought Vardy to the market, were recently replaced by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, a move that analysts say may herald the company's first significant acquisition.

The management's aversion to gearing, currently below 20 per cent, means that an acquisition is likely to be funded primarily with shares, which may not do much for the stock's short-term prospects.



Peter Vardy: could buy

However, it is more likely to be an agreed bid than a hostile offer, which suggests Vardy would pay a smaller premium and obtain better value.

The issue of new equity, diluting Peter Vardy's 73 per cent shareholding, should also have a favourable impact on liquidity in the stock, which is tightly held.

MARTIN BARROW

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25	Brailsford	Industrials A-D	
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30	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
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32	Hotchkiss Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
33	Tootal	Textiles	
34	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
35	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
36	Prop Security	Property	
37	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
38	Birkdale	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	Yorkshire Water	Water	
40	Novcros	Industrials L-R	
41	Grampian Hldg	Industrials E-K	
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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,597.0m	Abbey National	270			12.7	4.7	9.4
1,072.7m	Allied Irish	185					
65.4m	Amalgamated (Henry)	736			5.0	5.7	
1,282.2m	Ans. New 'S'	221½					
4,887.3m	Barclays	521					
909.0m	Bank of Ireland	238½					
1,371.9m	Bank Lousd Israel	230½			21.9	9.1	5.0
20.7m	Bank Lousd Int	107			28.2	6.5	29.1
818.0m	Bank Of Scotland	197			27	6.3	
22.4m	Bank Of Wales	78					
6,921.2m	Barclays	436			16.7	4.6	8.2
4,592.0m	Benchmark	254					
40.8m	Brown Shipley	224					
5,157.0m	Charlds	448			23.5	7.8	11.3
108.7m	Cater Allen	71			5.1	7.2	10.1
74.5m	Cedes						
—	Chancery						
1,207.9m	Chase Manhattan	230½					
2,564.4m	Citibank	238			10.9	4.6	12.3
59.0m	Close Bros	224					
2,270.9m	Commercial Bank	227½					
6,888.4m	Consolidated Gold	158			17.5	8.2	10.3
3,000.0m	First Nat Fin	93					
74.4m	FKI	238					
128.4m	Gerrard Nat	228			20.2	8.9	14.8
27.1m	Gilmoss Melson	220					
3,000.0m	HSBC	373					
488.3m	Hambros	373			15.9	5.1	9.7
21.4m	Joseph (Leopold)	158			20.7	6.1	10.0
23.7m	King & Shaxson	230			21.3	6.9	10.4
427.2m	Kleinwort Benson	358			20.4	5.7	10.4
4,193.6m	Lloyds	313			24.7	7.9	10.2
31.2m	Lon Scot Bk	220					
1,681.2m	Midland	265			17.1	6.4	9.7
2,000.8m	Nat Aust Bk	1					

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,678.2m	Allied-Lyons	524					
3,382.4m	Bass	824					
184.7m	Boddington	224					
227.3m	Brewer (H P)	224					
27.2m	Burtonwood Brew	224					
177.4m	Dowlais (SA)	224					
	Fitzers Brewing Gp						
7,932.4m	Grand Met	824					
491.2m	Greenall Whit	224					
1,868.2m	Guinness	824					
5,427.2m	Scottish & Newc	824					
28.2m	Hardys & Hansons	224					
282.2m	Highland Dist	224					
180.8m	Invergordon Dist	224					
7.7m	Marlowbell	224					
187.3m	Morrison Thompson	224					
28.6m	Matthew Clark	224					
28.6m	Shepherd Neame	224					
2,316.2m	SA Breweries	224					
1,642.5m	Scot & Newc	224					
220.7m	Vaux Grp	224					
2,000.0m	Whitbread 'A'	224					
221.3m	Do 'B'	224					
515.1m	Wolverhampton & D	224					
12.2m	Young 'A'	224					

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
23.2m	Abbey	224					
446.6m	Amec	224					
1,180.0m	Anglo Sec	224					
4,180.0m	Ashtead	224					
449.2m	Associated	224					
660.8m	AWG Ind	224					
1,000.0m	Bardon Hill	224					
5,135.0m	Barratt (Bldg) Comm	224					
227.4m	Barrie Ding	224					
48.2m	Bellway PLC	224					
60.1m	Bellway	224					
3,280.0m	Bellwinch	224					
149.6m	Bernerley Gp	224					
28.6m	Bett Bros	224					
27.2m	Blackfriars	224					
1,467.5m	Blue Circle	224					
30.0m	Boot (Henry)	224					
39.5m	Bovis PLC	224					
22.0m	Br Dredging	224					
266.6m	Brock	224					
2,730.0m	Cala	224					
2,730.0m	Calednead Robey	224					
14.1m	Carder Grp	224					
427.2m	Costain	224					
46.6m	Countryside	224					
51.8m	Crest Nicholson	224					
28.6m	Douglas (FM)	224					
28.6m	Edmund Hldg	224					
28.6m	Erin	224					
227.8m	Ewood Benton	224					
2,684.6m	Fitzen Gp	224					
74.2m	Galiford	224					
1,681.0m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	224					
51.2m	Gleeson (MJ)	224					
3,182.0m	Graham Wood	224					
7,682.2m	Hanson Ind	224					
180.3m	Hawtin-Stuart	224					
180.7m	Haywood Williams	224					
60.8m	Higgs & Hill	224					
15.1m	Hoor Gp	224					
5,022.0m	Howard Hldgs	224					
244.6m	Bullock Johnson	224					
16.0m	Jarvis	224					
1,191.1m	Laing (J)	224					
21.2m	Lamprey (Walter)	224					
72.4m	Lilley	224					
19.0m	Lovell (Y J)	224					
1,140.2m	Mackenzie	224					
45.3m	McCarthy & S	224					
429.0m	Meyer Int	224					
811.4m	Mowlem (John)	224					
28.6m	Newman Tonks	224					
191.8m	Newman Tonks	224					
169.7m	Pendleton	224					
5,542.0m	Phoenix Timber	224					
6,882.0m	Rmc Gp	224					
22.9m	Rowlng	224					
1,291.8m	RMC Gp	224					
1,642.6m	Rugby Gp	224					
1,642.6m	Rugby Group	224					
28.1m	Shaw & Kellet	224					
28.6m	Sheffield	224					
28.6m	Shepherd	224					
28.6m	Shirley	224					
1,780.0m	Tay Homes	224					
28.6m	Taylor Woodrow	224					
28.6m	Tilbury Group	224					
10.0m	Tiry Group	224					
4,910.0m	Tarmac	224					
45.2m	Tomkinson	224					
45.6m	Ward Hldgs	224					
45.6m	Ward Hldgs	224					
72.8m	Wates	224					
28.6m	Westbury	224					
5,000.0m	Wimpey	224					
307.1m	Wilcon Bowden	224					
28.6m	Wilson (Connolly)	224					
288.8m	Wimpey G	224					
9,572.0m	YRM	224					

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
570.0m	Allied Colloids	148			4.5	3.0	13.8
188.8m	Amersham	448			15.7	4.5	17.7
150.8m	Anglo Ltd	40½			1.5	3.7	9.8
28.6m	Bibby	198			12.5	6.3	10.8
5,589.7m	Boyer DM50	198					
57.2m	Ellis&Eve	148			9.5	6.4	11.7
78.7m	Elliot Stores	148			9.5	6.4	11.7
48.0m	Fenning	81			4.5	5.6	11.5
39.6m	Fenning (W)	130			6.5	5.0	10.7
217.1m	Goode	198			12.7	6.4	10.8
1,005.1m	Hickson & Everard	198					
4,787.0m	European Colour	116			9.5	8.2	10.5
65.7m	Hoods	118			7.4	6.3	15.1
49.1m	Hubbard (James)	178					
188.0m	Hunsdon	198			11.5	5.4	10.8
5,018.1m	Hoechst DM50	198					
6,888.1m	Imp Chem Ind	898½			32.5	5.1	10.1
991.6m	Laporte	338			20.7	6.1	12.5
188.1m	Leigh	198			9.7	5.5	20.4
3,588.8m	Norsk Hydro	577½					
66.7m	Peterson Zoch	198					
20.4m	Do 'A'	198					
61.8m	Plysu	198					
7,109.6m	Rentokil	198					
2,748.0m	Scottish Speakman	198					
84.3m	Tibbett	198					
79.4m	Wardle Storeys plc	198					
15.8m	Wickenshaw Fine	198					
20.4m	Yorkshire Chem	198					
154.9m	Yule Catto	198					

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
160.5m	Alexon	338			19.2	5.6	15.5
88.8m	Amber Day	67			3.5	5.2	10.4
668.8m	Argos Plc	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
1,054.4m	Cable & Lauris	338					
5,979.0m	Asda Prop	178			7.3	4.1	10.7
668.7m	Bambi (James) 'A'	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
72.1m	Bentalls	178			5.1	2.9	10.4
18.2m	Blacks Lei	178			5.1	2.9	10.4
488.8m	Body Shop	338			7.1	2.1	32.8
—	Boots						
30.7m	Brown & Jackson	338			19.2	5.6	15.5
1,082.8m	Brown (N)	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
488.8m	Burton	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
1,782.2m	Carpet 'A'	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
11.6m	Combet Fin	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
282.2m	Comet	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
782.2m	Dixons Photo	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
57.2m	Dunns Furniture	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
57.2m	Dunstns (S)	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
748.8m	Elkoms Grp	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
784.5m	Empire	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
17.2m	ERA Gp	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
9,218.0m	Ely (Wimbledon)	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
48.2m	Empire Stores	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
177.2m	Etam	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
541.2m	Fine Art Dev	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
4,218.0m	Fred Earn Tiles	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
5,625.0m	Formester	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
31.2m	Gold Stn	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
84.0m	Guinness Group	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
84.0m	GUS	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
2,884.0m	Do 'A'	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
128.1m	Harbours	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
68.6m	Helene Pld	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
88.8m	Hogg Robinson plc	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
7,250.0m	Hollis	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
6,887.0m	House Of Lerose	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
12.2m	Jessops Wort	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
2,198.5m	Kingfisher	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
28.4m	Ladbr Wise Gp	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
62.2m	Liberty	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
6,886.0m	Marks Spencer	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
188.0m	Mayfair (Hldgs)	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
18.0m	Moss Bros	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
68.8m	Next	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
18.0m	Oliver (B)	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
14.1m	Do 'A'	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
188.1m	Pearce (Sir)	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
68.8m	QS Hldgs	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
447.8m	Reborn Group	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
19.4m	S & U Stores	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
112.2m	Schoo	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
1,200.0m	Sears	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
647.8m	Smith WH 'A'	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
418.0m	Storehouse	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
132.1m	T & S Stores	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
8,886.0m	Tie Rack	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
1,788.0m	Tesco Products	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
31.4m	Vibac	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
188.8m	Wallis	338			23.2	6.9	12.8
9,716.0m	Willing Offer	338			23.2	6.9	12.8

ELECTRICALS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
288.8m	AB Elect	138					
88.8m	AGT Group	101					
30.8m	Admiral	88					
30.7m	Alba	88					
4,888.0m	Alphameric	88					
888.0m	Amstrad	88					
888.0m	APT Group	101					
6,784.0m	Arlec	88					
88.2m	Astec	88					
234.2m	Auto Sec	214					
18.1m	Beales Hosier	288			12.2	4.9	8.1
288.8m	Bennett & Fountain	288					
1,188.2m	BICC	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
48.8m	Blick	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
218.8m	Brayhorpe	288			7.7	5.5	13.3
28,874.0m	BT	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
3,180.0m	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
88.8m	Bulmers	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
5,588.8m	Cable Wireless	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
81.8m	Cambridge Elec	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
88.7m	Caradon	288			28.7	6.1	11.8
22.8m	Computer People	288			28.7	6.1	11.8

ELECTRICITY

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
488.2m	East Midlands	288					
2,888.8m	Eastern Elec	288					
247.2m	London Elect	288					
284.4m	Manweb	288					
481.4m	Midlands Elec	288					
388.8m	Northern Elec	288					
388.7m	Norweb	288					
288.4m	Richmond	288					
288.7m	SW Water	288					
288.8m	Scot Hydro Elec	288					
488.8m	Southern Elec	288					
488.2m	Yorkshire Elec	288					
	Package Unit						
1,721.0m	National Power	118			11.8	5.2	8.1
1,101.8m	PowerGen	141			11.7	5.1	9.8

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
88.4m	Abingworth	338			23.2	6.8	
17.8m	Allen Hsre	338			23.2	6.8	
88.8m	Am Plc	338			23.2	6.8	
227.8m	Barclay Sheett	338			23.2	6.8	
5,778.0m	Burs-Anderson	338			23.2	6.8	
48.2m	Cordis	338			23.2	6.8	
88.8m	Dandover	338			23.2	6.8	
372.0m	Eagle Trust	338			23.2	6.8	
16.4m	Hanson Thompson	338			23.2	6.8	
3,981.0m	FICO	338			23.2	6.8	
241.0m	FKI	338			23.2	6.8	
5,807.0m	Gill & Duffus	338			23.2	6.8	
142.8m	Hill Horne Loans	338			23.2	6.8	
9,788.0m	Hoskins	338			23.2	6.8	
88.8m	Rentokil Tst	338			23.2	6.8	
18.0m	Rosehaugh Plc	338			23.2	6.8	
1,827.7m	Singer & Fried	338			23.2	6.8	
88.8m	Smith Keys	338			23.2	6.8	
88.8m	Tarmac Prop	338			23.2	6.8	
288.8m	Templeton Glarth	338			23.2	6.8	

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
5,270.2m	American Express	212½					
13.8m	Babcock Prelon	8			3.6	60.0	
331.1m	Elkins	218			8.1	3.7	28.0
195.1m	Henderson Admin	888			20.8	7.5	9.4
341.0m	Investco Mid	180			8.5	4.7	11.2
370.2m	MAI	111			3.5	3.2	17.7
448.8m	MAM	888			38.5	4.7	11.2
388.8m	M & G	888			22.7	4.7	18.1
142.8m	Mercury Int	888			4.7	5.4	8.0
30.8m	Throgmorton	888			4.7	5.4	15.4

FOODS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,342.4m	AB Food	888			15.2	3.6	11.8
1,288.8m	ASDA Group (m)	118			5.4	5.8	10.5
1,288.8m	Associated Fisher	121			4.8	4.0	12.4
2,888.2m	Alpine Group	77					
77.3m	Appleyard Hgs	97			2.5	2.1	10.4
2,888.2m	Argyll	888			11.8	3.8	15.1
1,888.8m	Associ Dairy Group	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
28.8m	Associ Fisheries	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
80.8m	Banks (Sidney C)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Bart (AG)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
188.8m	Berisford Int	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,888.1m	Booker	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
288.8m	Borthwick	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
188.8m	Bowyer Bros	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
2,478.7m	Cadbury-Schwp	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.8m	Cairn Mining	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
8,847.0m	Clarke Fds	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Cmnwlth Foods 'A'	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.8m	Cutlers	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,388.8m	Dairy Farm Int	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Dalgety	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
5,787.0m	Danish 'S'	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
84.0m	Finlay (James)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Fyffes	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
3,981.8m	Geest	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
381.0m	Hazlewood Foods	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,278.8m	Hillsdown	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.0m	Hunter Saphir	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
887.8m	Int Dairy Foods	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.8m	JU Group	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.1m	Kirk Stns	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
3,818.8m	Lyons (Jos J)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
178.8m	Low (Wm)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
187.8m	Mackintosh (Kenneth)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
27.2m	Manchester Fish	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,772.8m	Marks & Spencer	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
44.3m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
882.1m	Nthn Foods	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Nwstn & Peacock	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
21.8m	Pacific Foods	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
157.7m	Perkins Food	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,814.0m	Pinnington	11					
888.8m	Ranks Hovis	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,887.2m	Salisbury J	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
887.8m	Salvesen (Chas)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,182.8m	Tate & Lyle	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
2,888.8m	Tomkins	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
5,488.8m	Tesco	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
188.8m	Thorntons	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,888.7m	Utd Biscuits	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.7m	Unicorn	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
51.8m	Wilson & Philip	888			23.2	6.8	12.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
94.3m	City Centre Rest	88½			1.9	3.8	12.8
3,888.0m	Compass PLC	888					
21.8m	Friendly Hotels	888					
2,888.7m	Ladbroke	888			14.2	5.8	10.8
888.8m	Manchstr Oriental	888					
107.7m	Principal Hotels	888					
887.8m	Queens Moat	888			3.8	3.8	10.4
88.4m	Resort Hotels	888			2.5	2.8	10.8
2,888.8m	Rosebery Hotels 'A'	888			4.8	4.8	12.8
138.8m	Stakis	888			7.8	12.1	
2,148.1m	Thistle H	888			13.8	4.8	14.8

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
88.8m	AAF Int	888			10.0e	8.0	8.8
243.8m	AAH	888			18.8	5.8	11.7
8,884.0m	ADT	78					
18.8m	AIM	117			7.5	8.4	11.8
14.1m	APB	888			8.8	10.8	8.8
318.8m	APV	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
187.8m	ASW	888			18.7	8.5	8.8
83.7m	Admast	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.8m	Aerospace Eng	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
48.8m	Alexandra Wheer	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
88.8m	Alumasc	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
88.8m	Amber Ind	888			23.5	6.7	8.8
2,881.4m	Ashtead	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
188.8m	Autoleisure	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
8,888.8m	Armour	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
31.8m	Ash & Lacy	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
8,188.8m	Ass Br Eng	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
88.8m	Avon Rubber	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
6,800.0m	Ayrshire Metal	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	BBA	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,548.8m	BET	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	BMI Gp	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
2,488.4m	BOC	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
118.8m	BSG	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
70.2m	BSS Group	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
8,871.0m	BTR	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Babcock	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
3,488.0m	Bailey (CH)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
224.8m	Baird (Wm)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
1,881.2m	Barlow Rand	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
482.4m	Bath (G)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
67.8m	Baynes (Charles)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
15.3m	Beeston	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
—	Benlox						
48.2m	Bibby (J)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
188.8m	Bibby (J)	888			12.1	8.5	7.7
1,277.0m	Bilton Int	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
48.8m	Blaco Int	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
5,118.0m	Black Arrow	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
70.8m	Black (Peter)	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
74.1m	Blackwood	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
3,884.2m	Body	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
2,220.0m	Boots Ind	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
28.8m	Bowmond	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
888.8m	Bowater	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
438.8m	Bowater Inc	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
18.4m	Brammer	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
8,884.0m	Brenway	888			23.2	6.8	12.8
87.3m	Brew

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Requirements for finding lower court's decision perverse

Piggott Brothers & Co Ltd v Jackson and Others

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment May 9]

In the context of employment law, to find a decision perverse, the appeal tribunal almost always had to be able to identify a finding of fact unsupported by any evidence, or a clear misdirection in law by the industrial tribunal.

In examining a decision appealed on such a ground the appellate body should consider whether or not it was a permissible option for the inferior tribunal to have reached. The accepted approach that it should not interfere unless able to say "My goodness, that was certainly wrong" carried the danger of its persuading itself that since it would not have reached the same decision itself, the tribunal was wrong.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the employees, Mrs Patricia Jackson, Mrs Betty Wood and Mrs Pamela Mortlock from the Employment Appeal Tribunal which had allowed an appeal by the employers, Piggott Brothers & Co Ltd, from the decision of the industrial tribunal that they had unfairly dismissed the employees.

Miss Lynnette Warren for the employees; Miss Jane Davies for the employers.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the employees were employed as machinists on the employers' caravan awning floor. Following the supply of a particular batch of PVC, they experienced various symptoms and were off sick for some weeks.

The employers took a number of steps to alleviate the situation and to investigate the cause. In particular, they consulted the Health and Safety Executive whose inspectors were unable to identify the cause of the trouble but expressed themselves satisfied that it was a one-off incident, the problem no longer existing.

On their return the employees were temporarily given work in other areas, but later, on their refusing to return to work on the caravan awning floor they were dismissed.

Whether or not such dismissal was unfair turned solely on the industrial tribunal's answer to the question posed by section 57(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978: whether the employers acted reasonably or unreasonably in treating the employees' refusal as sufficient for dismissing them.

That called for examination and evaluation of the employees' conduct in the light of the circumstances as they existed or as the employees reasonably thought they existed, and an evaluation of the employers' reaction to that conduct.

The industrial tribunal then had to ask itself whether the employers had acted reasonably or unreasonably in treating the employees' conduct as sufficient reason for dismissal. The issue was therefore whether at the particular time and in the particular circumstances the dismissal was reasonable.

One only had to state the issue for it to be at once apparent that in some circumstances one industrial tribunal might decide the issue one way and another the other way. That was inherent in the system which entrusted to industrial tribunals the exclusive responsibility for finding and evaluating all issues of fact. Reasonableness was to be categorised as a mixed issue of fact and law but the factual element predominated.

Having heard evidence from the employees, from the employers and from witnesses as to fact and opinion, the industrial tribunal concluded that the employees were unfairly dismissed. The employers had appealed to the Employment Appeal Tribunal on the ground that the decision was perverse.

The appeal tribunal had directed that only the notes of expert evidence be transcribed for the appeal. His Lordship failed to understand how, if the appeal was based on or included an allegation of perversity, it was possible to contemplate allowing the appeal without having access to all the evidence bearing on that allegation.

His Lordship referred to the appeal tribunal's judgment in which it reminded itself of the limitation on its jurisdiction to questions of law. In particular, the appeal tribunal, dealing with its power to interfere with a decision on the ground of perversity had referred to the statement of the correct approach given by Lord Justice May in *Neale v Hereford and Worcester County Council* ([1986] ICR 471, 483):

"Deciding these cases is the job of industrial tribunals and when they have not erred in law neither the appeal tribunal nor [the Court of Appeal] should disturb their decision unless one can say in effect 'My goodness, that was certainly wrong'."

His Lordship accepted, as he had to, that exposition, but it was an approach not without its perils. A finding of fact which was unsupported by any evidence clearly involved an error of law.

The danger in the approach of Lord Justice May was that an appellate court could very easily persuade itself that, as it would certainly not have reached the same conclusion, the tribunal which did so was "certainly wrong". Furthermore, the more dogmatic the temperament of the judges concerned, the more likely they were to take that view. However that was a classic *non sequitur*.

It did not matter whether with whatever degree of certainty the appellate court considered that it would have reached a different conclusion. What mattered was whether the decision under appeal was a permissible option.

To answer that in the negative in the context of employment law, the appeal tribunal would almost always have had to be able to identify a finding of fact which was unsupported by any evidence or a clear self-misdirection in law by the industrial tribunal.

If it could not do that, it should re-examine with the greatest care its preliminary conclusion that the decision under appeal was not a permissible option and had to be characterised as perverse.

None of that was new: see *Retarded Children's Aid Society v Day* ([1978] ICR 437, 443-444), *per* Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls and *Kent County Council v Gilham* ([1985] IRLR 18, 22) *per* Lord Justice Griffiths.

His Lordship set out the questions posed and answered by the industrial tribunal, and the appeal tribunal's criticisms, culminating in their conclusion, without the evidence other than of the experts before them, that the decision was perverse.

In his Lordship's judgment, the industrial tribunal was holding that the employers could reasonably have been expected to do more to obtain a definitive answer than they did, and that in the light of the employees' reasonable fears for their own health, until more had been done and either an answer had emerged or it was reasonably clear that nothing further could be done, it was not reasonable to have dismissed them.

What the appeal tribunal were doing was to decide that no reasonable employer could be expected to do more than rely on the Health and Safety Executive. That was not a decision for them.

His Lordship could see no possible grounds for holding that the industrial tribunal's decision was perverse. He would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Nicholls delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed.

Solicitors: Raggett Tiffen & Harries, Ongar; Alsop Wilkinson.

Receiver's priority

In re M

Before Mr Justice Henry

[Judgment May 13]

A receiver appointed under the provisions of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 had power to take possession of and sell property despite the existence of a mortgagee with an interest in the property.

Mr Justice Henry so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers on a summons for directions. Alandales, as mortgagees, also attended and made submissions.

Mr Philip Hoser for the receiver; Mr Stephen Jourdan for the mortgagees.

MR JUSTICE HENRY said that M had been charged with certain drug trafficking offences. A restraint order had been made, under section 8 of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, prohibiting him from dealing with his realisable property.

M's property included a restaurant. Valuers had advised the receiver that the restaurant should be sold as soon as possible.

It had emerged that two mortgagees had interests in the restaurant. That raised the question of a mortgagee's rights in property which a receiver had taken possession of and whether any power of sale should be exercised by the receiver or the mortgagee.

Neither mortgagee had taken possession of the property before the receiver did so. As they now knew of the restraint order and the appointment of the receiver it was the court's view that they could not attempt to take possession or sell without the consent of the receiver or the court.

The property was under the court's restraint. The mortgagees were affected by that restraint. Under section 8(5) of the Act, as "persons affected by the order" they would be able to apply to discharge or vary the order.

Solicitors: Actons, Nottingham: Finers.

Criminal costs

Practice Direction (Crime: Costs in Criminal Proceedings)

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) with Mr Justice Hutchison and Mr Justice Mantell, handed down a practice direction on May 3 replacing *Practice Direction (Crime: Costs in Criminal Proceedings)* of May 26, 1989 (*The Times* May 29, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 625).

The main changes to the previous practice direction were to extend its scope to cover magistrates' courts and to include costs against legal or other representatives under section 19A of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.

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Corruption in the colleges

The US is halting fraudulent use of millions of dollars of university research funds.

Martin Fletcher reports from Washington

The investigation started last summer when a whistleblower telephoned an aide of John Dingell, the chairman of the most feared watchdog committee in the American Congress. The enquiry will end, months hence, with the reputations of many of the foremost universities tarnished, their coffers depleted and their ability to abuse government research grants worth $9 billion (about £5 billion) a year curtailed.

The whistleblower, Paul Biddle, a naval research accountant monitoring $240 million in annual research grants to Stanford university, claimed the West Coast's most respected institution was cheating the government by grossly overcharging it for overheads. This was grist to the mill of Mr Dingell's house sub-committee on oversight and investigations, which had caught government defence contractors doing exactly this in the Eighties.



John Dingell: investigator

The sub-committee found that in ten years Stanford had billed the government for $200 million in questionable overheads. Many of these were general administrative and running costs, but they also included charges for the depreciation of Stanford's 72ft yacht, the running of its profitable shopping centre, a $42,000 trustees' retreat and luxuries for the residence of Donald Kennedy, the university president. The luxuries included an antique commode, $7,000 worth of sheets for an enlarged bed, cedar linings for cupboards, flower and laundry bills and Mr Kennedy's wedding reception bill.

Was Stanford alone in its malpractice? With the health and human services department, which distributes much of the federal research funds, the committee has since investigated at least 20 other universities, and government auditors have identified many millions of dollars' worth of improper charges for items that include flights to Caribbean resorts, receptions, country-club memberships and crystal decanters. The department has now warned 250 more American universities that their research bills may be audited.

Loath to risk Stanford's public humiliation, the universities are rushing to give money back. Last month Harvard medical school withdrew $500,000 in overhead charges submitted for the present fiscal year. However, that is "not even a downpayment" on what it owes for previous years, alleges one committee aide.

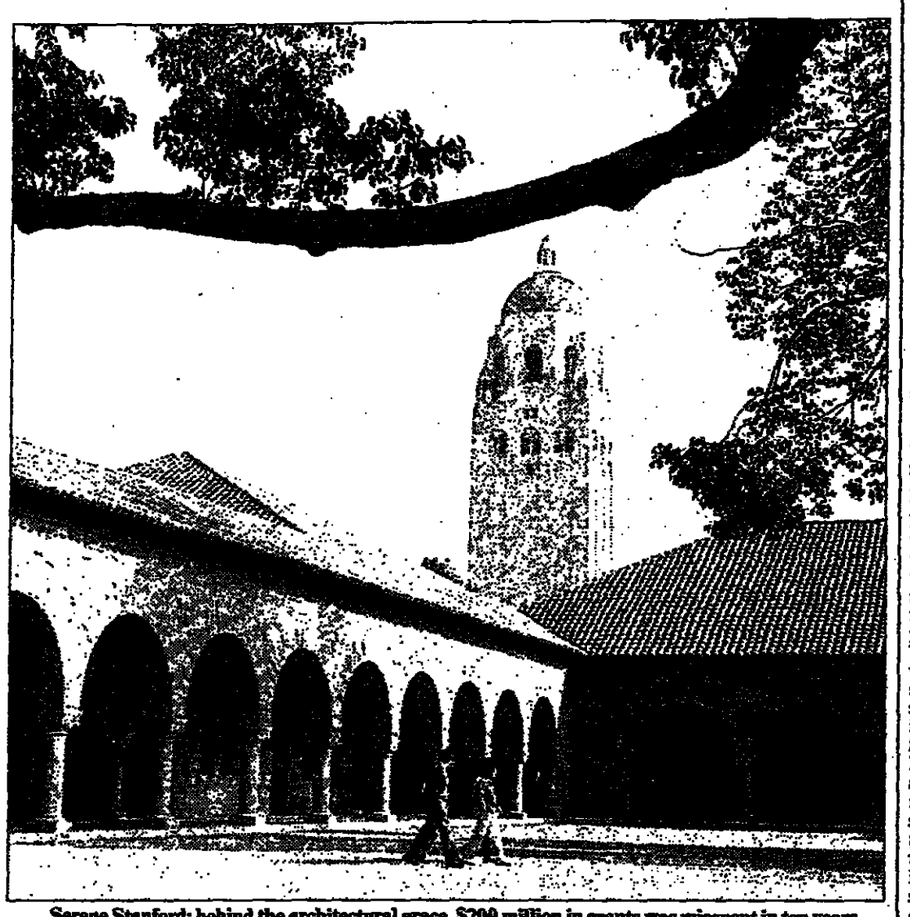
The Massachusetts institute of technology is voluntarily refunding $731,000 that it has "inappropriately" charged in the past five years. Stanford has withdrawn $800,000 in recent charges and the California institute of technology $500,000, including country club memberships and entertainment costs. Cornell, Dartmouth and Pennsylvania are among universities that have promised to return money or drop charges. Others found to have overcharged include Yale, Duke, Emory, Johns Hopkins and Southern California.

The universities "are giving back money like mad", says a committee aide. By the time the committee finishes, it expects to recoup almost $1 billion.

American universities can charge the government for the direct costs of research projects and overheads, such as buildings, libraries and administrative services. Every one negotiates with the government to determine how much it can add on for these indirect costs.

Stanford, for example, asks for another 70 cents for every dollar of research money to cover its overheads, Yale 68 cents and Princeton 67 cents. At 77 cents, Harvard medical school has the highest charge. The average is 50 cents.

As the recession and federal deficit have taken their toll of other financial sources, hard-pressed university business officers have increasingly exploited the milch cow of research grants. Their creative accounting has been facilitated by the almost complete lack of government auditing of overhead charges and the vagueness of the rules. Staunch defenders of the universities insist they have broken no rules, but agree to their limit. Dr Caspa Harris, the president of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, concedes that his members "did not use good common sense in putting some stuff in there".



Serene Stanford: behind the architectural grace, $200 million in grants was misspent in ten years

Mr Dingell, however, called Stanford's conduct "a story of taxpayer dollars going to bloated overheads rather than to scientific research, a story of excess and arrogance compounded by lax government oversight". William Bennett, a former education secretary, declared that the more he learnt about "the behaviour of some of our more prestigious universities, the more one sees that their posture of moral superiority is not merited". He said: "These are places that are holier than thou telling the government how to act, and now here are charges of good, old-fashioned corruption."

Either way, the universities are likely to pay dearly. Citing recent "abuses in reimbursements", the White House has rushed out preliminary rule changes disallowing items including entertainment and personal expenses as overhead costs, but the second set may limit the overall percentage universities can claim.

Stanford's rate has already been slashed from 70 to 55.5 cents a dollar, a punishment that will cost it between $18 million and $30 million a year. Harvard medical school wanted an increase from 77 to 104 cents, but the government is threatening to drop it to 65 cents.

Dr Harris predicts that if rates are cut across the board, work may become economically impossible for many universities. Another fear is that the revelations, after well publicised cases of campus racism, political intolerance and academic fraud, will erode the standing of American universities so that they become easy targets for congressional cost-cutters.

"Add these things up and you have a situation where any cushion of political invulnerability universities have has gone," Dr Rosenzweig says. "If this issue is used as an excuse in Congress to cut research budgets further, that would be very damaging, but it is a possibility."

Mr Dingell's aides claim that leading scientists and researchers are privately delighted by the investigations. The charges had made it increasingly hard for universities to win research grants. Now, they believe, there will be more money for genuine research.

Lesson in theory for the prince

Critics of teaching methods should beware of dismissing modern educational theory

Teacher training institutions are used to being attacked periodically, most recently by the Prince of Wales, as being out of touch, setting low standards, and failing to prepare their students adequately for the needs of the classroom.

Sometimes the attacks seem deserved, at others less so; it is difficult to be sure, as the availability of real evidence is usually in inverse ratio to the ferocity of the attack.

The present wave of criticism from some right-wing educationists and to a certain extent, the government, is heavily political, in line with the social engineering that has been taking place in Britain during the past ten years or so. Its formulation is simple: teacher training should be taken away from the colleges and put into the schools. Teachers should be well trained in their subjects; theoretical skills, knowledge and insights should come from "sitting next to Nelly", that is by assimilation from the master teachers in the schools. Underlying such prescriptions from the government seems to be a fear of the training institutions as purveying views of society that might lead to undesirable "progressive" educational practices and to the creation of a nation of extremist, socialist voters. Subsidiary aims include, no doubt, the possibility of cost savings and the desire for an increasing control of schools, teachers and teacher training directly from Whitehall, coupled with increased accountability to governors and parents.



Royal criticism: Prince of Wales

However, there is more to it than this. Theory worries most students in any discipline, and is particularly disliked in teacher education. Theory in education is hard to teach and particularly hard to marry with the students' perceived immediate needs and interests.

Students who do the Post-Graduate Certificate of Education, and try to bridge the gap between the subject knowledge they have acquired in their degree course and the teaching they will do in school find this particularly irksome.

Nevertheless, the theory of teaching is indispensable in training students in classroom technique.

Taking for granted how pupils learn often leads to unprofitable approaches and poor pupil learning. The studies carried out in child psychology, teaching theory and related areas during the past century have not established clear-cut and final principles, but we have learnt a good deal in somewhat piecemeal fashion, and there is plenty to pass on.

For students to have concrete experience in schools is crucial, but it is equally crucial for them to analyse and generalise from this with expert help and guidance from their reading, contact with tutors and discussions with fellow teachers, particularly the successful and experienced ones. Why then do we lack universal agreement on the necessity for systematic teaching of educational theory? First, there is considerable hostility to treating teaching as in any way scientific. Second, scientific theorising is not a purely intellectual matter but takes place within a social context, so that certain theories are "trendy" at one time and others come forward later.

Finally, there is the problem of who is to teach educational theory. There is a deserved heavy emphasis, in staffing education departments, on the classroom experience of the lecturer, which must be, the government says, relevant and recent. Few such teachers have the additional background in educational psychology and theory to teach at the necessary level – those who have both are precious indeed.

We need initial training, a systematic induction period during the first two years of work in school and a continuing programme of in-service training.

We must guard against prejudiced and one-sided views of society from whichever end of the political spectrum they are propagated.

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New slate for the inspectors

Kenneth Clarke gives David Tytler his reply to criticism of his planned reform of the school inspector system

Stung by criticism that his planned reform of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools is intended to limit their independence and remove a thorn in the government's side, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has told *The Times*: "I welcome the independence of the advice the inspectors give us.

"I am annoyed that, for no reason I can understand, one or two commentators have taken off to say that this is an attempt to gag an independent body because it is said that their reports have annoyed me. That is not true."

Tension has, however, arisen between some ministers and Eric Bolton, who will retire as senior chief inspector in August. The strain has led to a compromise in the way that reports, some of them critical, have been presented.

In his annual report last year, Mr Bolton said that about a third of pupils in England and Wales were getting a "raw deal". The government would have preferred him to concentrate on the two-thirds who were doing "satisfactorily or better". This year, Mr Bolton said, there had been improvements. Reaction to his previous report had concentrated too much on the gloomy side.

Mr Bolton, who is aged 56, refused to be interviewed, but he previously told *The Times*: "It is our job to tell the government what it needs to know about, even if sometimes it would rather not know. The pressure is constant, but not improper. There have been difficult times, but I know of no direct attempt from ministers to undermine what we do. Occasionally, officials will say, 'Are you sure you want to say that now?' or 'Why do I get a different picture when I talk to somebody else? We do have legitimate debates."

Mr Clarke paints a calmer picture. "In my opinion, they have not put out a critical report on government policy since I have been here," he says. "The reason for the review is to see whether this is a suitable moment to strengthen the inspectorate and to look at how we can do that. I wish to reinforce the role of a genuinely independent voice, as a service provider – one that can be used.

"The key thing is the independence of its advice. It is nonsense for people to make a mischievous comment that somehow we have inhibited that. Its independence is something I want to enhance, not diminish. A key part of the reforms, and a key need, is quality."

Mr Bolton is "an extremely successful" senior chief inspector, Mr Clarke says. His retirement was a good time to consider the future of the service. Mr Clarke adds: "It became more obvious that this was a natural break in the history of the HMI, and if we were going to have a look at its institutional position, now was the time to do it."

In any event, the growing number of grant-maintained schools and the independence of further education colleges means there is a need to adapt to their requirements. "As we are delegating management responsibility to the institutions," Mr Clarke says, "there is an overriding need for the public to see quality control and genuinely independent advice that ministers and the people responsible for the school can use."

Mr Clarke will receive the report of a small departmental team in July and decide about a new-style inspectorate "as soon as possible" before appointing a full-time successor. Formed in 1839, the inspectorate has 485 inspectors carrying out a total of about 300 inspections of schools and colleges every year. Schools to be inspected are chosen at random, although ministers ask for specific inspections if they think there is cause for concern, requiring emergency action.

Jack Straw, the Labour party's education spokesman, says that a Labour government would also reform the HMI. He says the two roles of the inspectors – advising ministers and monitoring the service – are conflicting.

"There is a strong case for saying that there are two separate functions that need to be separated: that the job of inspection is an arm's length job from the government," Mr Straw says.

"Ministers have been embarrassed by the judgments the HMI has been bound to make, because they are monitoring the effectiveness of the government's own policy."

Under Labour, the inspectors would be under the control of an education standards council. "They would continue to monitor the education service, but ministers would get political advice from their own professional advisers."

Mr Clarke says he does not want to abolish the HMI, but Robert Dunn, the Conservative MP for Dartford, Kent, and a former schools minister, has no such inhibitions. Backed by two other former education ministers, Sir Rhodes Boyson and John Butcher, Mr Dunn is proposing a ten-minute bill to abolish the inspectorate and hand its functions to the Audit Commission.

Mr Dunn says: "What is the point of all these reports on the esoteric teaching of ancient Greek at Wolverhampton polytechnic? They are all bland and boring and make no contribution at all." Mr Dunn believes that the Audit Commission would focus on value for money and good practice and would bring a wider experience than what he sees as the blinkered view of the present inspectors.

What of the people on the receiving end of the inspectors' attention? Keith Howard, the headmaster of Queen Mary's grammar school at Walsall, near Birmingham, says he felt some trepidation when he was given four weeks' notice that the school had been chosen for inspection last year.

The school passed with flying colours, and Mr Howard believes the report helped the school. He says: "The inspectors made us look at ourselves and our teaching styles, critically and analytically. The process had started, anyway, but it did give us a focus."

Mr Bolton has also claimed some credit for the HMI in the introduction of the national curriculum and its regular testing. "We brought the problems into sharp focus: lots of children never got taught certain subjects. It is appalling the way our education system has let down the middle ranges time and time again in what we expect and demand of them."

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NOTICEBOARD

Boost for boarding

MORE THAN 800 boarding schools, including those in the state sector, are being encouraged to open their doors to the public in October to try to reverse a 20-year decline in popularity.

The first National Boarding Week will run from October 4 to 13, starting with a conference on the subject in London to be attended by heads, governors and parents. Pupils of all ages will be invited to speak at the meeting.

Audrey Butler, the headmistress of Queenswood school, in Hertfordshire, and vice chairman of the Boarding Schools Association, says: "Most people have a thoroughly misleading and outdated image of what boarding schools are like. Our schools have changed in response to the needs of society, and we want people to see what they are really like. The days of long runs and cold showers before breakfast are gone."

Left slipping

TWO members of the Union of Jewish Students have topped the poll for the National Union of Students' executive in a shake-up that has seen a significant lessening of domination by the organised left. David Israel, of Oxford Polytechnic, and Richard Hermer, of Manchester University, stood as independents.

Elections to the executive should have taken place at last month's National Union of Students conference in Blackpool, but contests for most of the posts were delayed to allow Labour students to stand after they, the Greens and Militant had failed to meet the deadline for nominations.

In the rerun elections, Stephen Twigg, the Labour president, easily secured a second year in office and the National Organisation of Labour Students took five of the eight full-time executive posts. Far-left groups took only four of the 21 seats on the executive.

Fighting talk

LANGUAGE schools have launched a campaign to reduce the rate of value added tax paid on their course fees. The schools' association argues that it is illogical for the reduced rate of VAT under consideration by European Community ministers for books and libraries to apply to other educational goods and services, but not to language teaching.

Several MPs and MEPs support the campaign, which is directed at this month's meeting of the EC committee on economic and monetary affairs. The association said last week: "If activities such as visits to zoos and the hire of camping sites can be considered to fulfil social and cultural objectives, language teaching must also be included on the list."

Student fun

THE biggest student party ever is being planned for this summer on the Greek island of Poros. A quarter of the island's holiday accommodation is being reserved for the eight planeloads of undergraduates expected to take part in an end-of-term event known ominously as The Wild Thing.

Similar celebrations are staged for American and Canadian students in Florida and Mexico. The British version



will cost £324 for 14 days of island-hopping, parties, concerts and water sports. Mairi Johnson, a Canadian graduate and organiser of the project, hopes to earn enough money, to continue her studies at the London School of Economics.

Girton mistress

THE well-worn path from embassy to Oxford college is to reopen next year with the appointment of Juliet Campbell as mistress of Girton college, Cambridge. Mrs Campbell, Britain's ambassador to Luxembourg, will succeed Baroness Warnock, who retires in September. Mrs Campbell took her degree at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where Lady Warnock is an honorary fellow.

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Splashing out: children at Marlborough College in Wiltshire, one of the leaders in the summer school business, catering for 1,500 holidaying adults and children every year

School's in for the summer

Summer schools are a highly profitable use of otherwise idle facilities.

Hugh Thompson reports on an increasingly popular holiday option

Summer camps for children have been given a bad name after reports from the United States, where some parents use them only to get rid of their offspring during school holidays. In Britain, thanks mostly to independent schools, they have been made more respectable.

A mixture of adventure and learning, they offer weeks of sailing, climbing and sport, with computers and language studies for children of all ages. As the number of families where both parents are working has grown, so has the demand for supervised holidays, giving the children something useful to do.

Schools and colleges have learnt that residential summer schools using idle resources are a way to bring in extra cash. And many parents are at their wits' end to keep their children stimulated, so summer schools appeal to a market only too happy to spend up to £600 a week.

Summer schools have a reputation of being all about canoeing and learning French, but they try to be different. For the past four years, the music faculty at Sussex university has run a £260 week-long course for would-be rock musicians. Angie Oxley, the course secretary, says: "We take 100 students who are on the go from 9am to after midnight. They have workshops, group practice, seminars on the business side and jamming sessions, ending with a battle of the bands. The tutors are working musicians."

During term time, Arbelour House, Banffshire, is the preparatory school for Gordonstoun, but in July and August it becomes a specialist summer school, catering in its two ten-day courses in July for 100 talented children.

Andrew Scott, the summer school director, says: "We have been going for seven years. Gifted children need specialist help and stimulation. They also need encouraging. You can actually see them relax and blossom while they are here. Many come recommended by their head teachers or educational authorities. Although the fees are £360 a course, we give assistance to more than half the children. Last year, we had some pupils from eastern Europe."

At Gordonstoun, meanwhile, about 230 pupils from 22 countries, including Jordan, The Netherlands, the Soviet Union, Italy, Iceland and, of course, Britain, will spend £1,900 each on a three-week course. The students, aged ten to 18, will swim, climb and sail, and study English history, languages, computers and arts and crafts in the school's 150 acres on the Moray Firth.

Gordonstoun's first summer school was for 19 students in 1976, but it has since raised a lot of money, which goes towards the school's scholarship fund to reduce the fees of almost half its 500 pupils. James Thomas, the summer school director, is embarrassed by the idea that it is simply a profit-making arm of a school which, with some famous exceptions, does not have a pool of rich old boys. Nevertheless, the summer school turns over about £500,000 a year.

Marlborough College is another leader in the summer-school business. Every year, 1,500 adults and children take summer holidays at the Wiltshire school. David Green, the summer school director, says: "We do more than 70 week-long courses for adults and special courses for children aged seven to 12 and 13 to 16. I think this and other summer schools are popular because people are becoming bored by beach holidays.

"Mostly, we get families, and such is the cost that it is their main holiday. The cost for a family of four for a week is £1,000. We are nearly full for this year and our three-week season has been overbooked for the past ten years. What is more, because people can do different courses every year, they keep coming back.

"In the 13 to 16-year-old group, many of those doing woodwork are girls, and this year more one-parent families are coming. For the parent who wants to take two children on a holiday, summer school is ideal. This year, we are adding etching, English furniture, tracing ancestors and desktop publishing to our courses."

Last year, the Italia Conti theatre school opened its doors for the first time in the summer holidays. Samantha Newton-Steven, the artistic director, says: "Traditionally, we like to use the summer to do up the school and to give everyone a rest. But over the years we have received hundreds of enquiries about whether we did anything during the summer.

"Last year, we had 150 over a two-week period aged from nine upwards. This year we are cutting back to a one-week course catering for 100. Lots of children doing drama, going to ballet classes and doing music are interested to see what they can do.

"In a week, you cannot do much more than give a taste, but if they like what they try, it can be the start. We have had quite a few apply to our school after they have tried our summer course.

"Summer schools allow children to discover talents their schools might not uncover."

Widen the scope to help the weak

Should the independent sector be truly comprehensive, with all schools catering for the needs of less-gifted students?

INDEPENDENT schools have to ensure they are centres of excellence in education so that parents can be persuaded to send their children to them.

There are many challenges ahead of independent schools in the next few years. These challenges may depend on which party wins the general election, but whoever is in control, there will be no easy ride.

Standards will be examined by parents, the media, possibly by the educational standards council set up by a Labour government and, in boarding schools, by inspectors from social services departments. In every way, independent schools will be exposed to close scrutiny, compared with each other and with counterparts in the maintained sector.

There is nothing to fear and much to gain from direct comparison, but the competition is mounting. The increasing opportunity for parents to select the school they want for their children is already making many schools more conscious of their image, and there are some superb maintained schools and many dedicated and able teachers in the maintained system.

Whatever the educational climate, whatever the political party, independent schools will face increased competition, which will bring about the closure of some that do not make the appropriate response. Independent schools should not grieve over this; they have a right to existence only if they offer parents something that the parents consider worth buying.

We all want to see good educational standards in our schools, but what is a good educational standard? Why should parents pay the considerable fees to send their children to private schools?

A good education is one that draws out the abilities and talents of children, giving them self-esteem and the ability to make balanced judgments. This definition makes no reference to ability — or disability.

This year many prospective parents have told me that they are not expecting their children to be brilliant or to progress to A-levels or university. What they want for their children is the chance to fulfil their potential, to be happy, allowed to grow up, and to be part of a caring community. This essential quality of the recognition of the individuality and worth of every child in independent education makes these schools so much in demand.

Which children most need this? Usually, it is *not* the top highly academic 2.5 per cent, most of whom are self-motivating and will excel wherever they are. Rather, it is the bulk of children, the average, the less-than-average and those with specific learning difficulties, who can best gain from independent schools and from the motivation that they can provide.

The success of a nation does not depend on 2.5 per cent of its population, and it is absurd to suggest that all the development of industry and commerce will depend on the success of these few children. It depends on the skills of the majority. To be an effective alternative to the maintained sector, independent schools must cater for a whole cross-section of the population, not just the highly academic few.

THE independent schools would, ideally, be financially non-selective, and it is encouraging that the number of children receiving financial help from their schools and other sources is rising. I hope this help is going where it is most needed to allow a wider range of children — in terms of parental income, background and ability — to come to our schools.

I am advocating a truly comprehensive independent sector in which all schools, catering for all educational needs, are of equal value and receive equal recognition.

The introduction of the national curriculum and of testing at various ages, the possible closure of a number of independent schools in the face of increasing competition, and, above all, the increasing awareness of "standards" that this will bring to the public have the serious danger of increasing the selective nature of schools. Independent schools must counter this with a realisation of the needs of the next generations.

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By KEITH PIKE

MILLWALL, who beat Brighton 3-0 at The Den in March, must repeat that performance on Wednesday night if they are to prevent the Sussex side confounding its critics and reaching the second-division play-off final.

"We have given ourselves a chance, no more than that," Barry Lloyd, the Brighton manager, said with the weary realism that accompanies the job of managing one of the League's most frustratingly inconsistent teams.

Having seen his side stumble into the play-offs with virtually the last kick of the regular season, Lloyd's nerves have clearly been stretched taut. He certainly would not have taken any comfort from the pre-match statistics.

Brighton had somehow become the first team to reach the play-offs while scoring fewer goals than they conceded – 63 against 69 – and while taking only one point out of 18 against the other three teams involved. And while Millwall could boast the League's leading goalscorer in Teddy Sheringham, Brighton have lost one of their two genuine forwards, John Byrne, with a knee injury.

The script had seemingly been written and for 25 minutes both teams played their parts to the full. But having taken control, then taken the lead, Millwall took leave of their defensive duties, and Brighton exploited their failings to the full. Millwall's early supremacy was unquestionable, and Paul Stephenson's fourteenth-minute goal – a fine low drive from 25 yards – due reward.

But Brighton know how to battle. If their fortieth-minute equaliser owed much to good fortune, it was none the less deserved.

Digweed's punt upfield was heading for Horne and safety when it flew off Thompson's shoulder and went conveniently to Mark Barham, who scored with a low drive.

Brighton then rifled in three goals in eight minutes early in the second half. Small, punishing a slip by Dawes, put Brighton in the lead from an angle on the right, and then played a significant part in the next two goals.

Small's flicked header from Gatting's pass was an open invitation for Clive Walker to burst clear and calmly beat Horne. Small then produced an exquisitely delicate lay-off for Robert Codner to do likewise.

For a time the game threatened to boil over, with players squaring up on the pitch and Millwall's supporters among a crowd of 15,390 seemingly keen to join in. When the debris was cleared, Walker was led from the field with a suspected broken arm, after colliding with advertising hoardings.

If Brighton's record is a strong argument against the play-off system, the size of the crowd – nearly 1,000 more than saw the FA Cup fourth-round replay against Liverpool – tells what the supporters think.

BRIGHTON: P Digweed; G Chivers, S Gatting, D Wilkins, C Peters, N Bissett, M Barham, S Iowan, M Small, R Codner, C Walker (sub: J Robinson).
MILLWALL: B Horne; K Stevens, I Dawes, G Waddock (sub: L Briley; sub: M McCarthy), D Thompson, A McLeary, P Stephenson, J Goodman, E Sheringham, A Rae, P Kerr.
Referee: K Hackett.

Substitute saves Brentford

Brentford 2
Tranmere Rovers 2

By KEITH BLACKMORE

KEVIN Godfrey, a second-half substitute, was carried shoulder-high from the pitch by jubilant Brentford supporters at Griffin Park yesterday, after he had scored the equaliser in injury time that keeps alive his club's hopes of reaching the third division play-off final.

It was no more than Brentford deserved, but whether it will be enough remains to be seen. As Phil Holder, their manager, pointed out afterwards, Brentford had the best away record in the division this season, but they will need to create more goalscoring opportunities than they did yesterday if they are to have any joy at Prenton Park on Wednesday. "We hope that we won't concede two cheap goals like that again," he said.

The last meeting of these clubs, at the same venue two weeks ago, produced a 2-0 win for Tranmere and one of the most entertaining matches of the season. The stakes were higher this time and the tension often showed.

Tranmere had already wasted two corners by the time they fell behind in the thirteenth minute. Mungall fouled Smillie 35 yards out. Rostron, who joined the club as player-assistant manager from Sheffield United in January, took the kick, picked out Evans, who in turn slipped between Nixon and Steel to head home from six yards.

This took the wind out of the visitors' sails and until half-time their contributions were generally of the wrong sort. Mungall was carried off with suspected cracked ribs after an apparently accidental collision with Jones and, possibly because of this, the boots began to fly, with Blissett generally being the victim. Steel, Nixon and Thomas all had a go at him, the last two receiving bookings.

Brentford, meanwhile, had the best of the football and



Rostron: created goal

their attacks became sharper once Godfrey had replaced Blissett at half-time. Nixon had to save well from Millen's header soon afterwards, but the match was about to turn Tranmere's way. A rare attack brought them a corner on the right. Harvey took it and Cooper headed precisely past Benstead from 15 yards.

Brentford regained the initiative, but barely had Godfrey created a good chance for Smiley, whose shot was headed clear by Vickers, then they conceded another goal. Harvey took a corner from the right, and, from more or less the same spot as before, Cooper headed Tranmere's second.

All seemed up for Brentford then, but, in injury time, came their just reward. Benstead thumped the ball upfield one last time, Holdsworth headed it on and Godfrey lobbed it over the advancing Nixon.

John King, the Tranmere manager, said: "To look at my lads now, you would think they had been beaten. It takes the wind out of your sails when you are winning and then, in the last minute, somebody gets a toe-poke into the top corner."

BRENTFORD: G Benstead; S Ratcliffe, J Bates, K Millen, T Evans, W Rostron, K Jones, M Gayle (sub: R Peters), D Holdsworth, G Blissett (sub: K Godfrey), N Smiley.
TRANMERE ROVERS: E Nixon, D Higgins, S Mungall (sub: D Martindale), K Vickers, M Hughes, S Vickers, J Morrissey, J Harvey, J Steel, S Cooper, A Thomas.
Referee: G Courtney.

Bolton take one step upwards

Bury 1
Bolton Wanderers 1

By IAN ROSS

BOLTON Wanderers, a famous club with a far from illustrious recent record, moved a step closer to regaining the second-division status surrendered eight years ago with a professional performance at Gigg Lane yesterday.

Bolton's position as the favourites to reach the third division play-off final at Wembley on June 1 was further strengthened during the course of a low-key game. While the outcome of the second-leg at Burnden Park on Wednesday evening is far from a formality, Bury may be forced to concede that their chance of winning promotion has all but gone.

Games between these east Lancashire rivals are invariably robust, occasionally over-physical, and Bury's largest crowd of the season witnessed two unsavoury incidents within the opening three minutes which set the tone.

After Valentine, the Bury captain, had been cautioned for a tackle on Cunningham, Comstive, Bolton's equally uncompromising defender, was guilty of an even worse challenge on Bishop. His callous assault went unpunished.

But for Lee's infrequent forays down the right flank for Bury, Bolton's domination of the opening half would have been complete.

Bury, outplayed, nevertheless enjoyed an improbable advantage at half-time, following Lee's successful conversion of a penalty in the 42nd minute, after he had been fouled by Stubbs.

Although Bolton displayed little urgency as they pursued an equaliser, their more prodigious work rate was rewarded after 59 minutes when Philliskirk swept home his 27th goal of the season from the penalty spot after Kearney had pulled down Thompson.

BURY: G Kelly; C Bishop, R Stanislaus, L Robinson, P Valentine, C Greenall, D Lee, M Sheron, K Hulme (sub: R Mauge), P Parkinson, M Kearney.
BOLTON WANDERERS: D Felgate; P Brown, B Cowdrill, P Comstive, M Seagraves, A Stubbs (sub: S Green), S Storer, S Thompson, A Cunningham, A Philliskirk, J Darby.
Referee: P Don.

Dismissals betray a fear of failure

IF PLAY-OFFS were intended to bring a festival feeling to the annual end-of-season struggles for promotion, they failed in the fourth division yesterday. Two players were sent off – one in each game – as Torquay beat Burnley 2-0 and Blackpool drew 1-1 at Scunthorpe United in overheated semi-final first legs.

Critics of the play-off system could have had a field day at Plainmoor, in particular. The desperation to escape from the division led to a rugged match of little good football, one dismissal and eight bookings – nine, if you include that of the Burnley manager, Frank Casper. There were also Torquay's two goals, which may be enough to enable them to survive what could be another fractious night at Turf Moor for Wednesday's second leg.

It took 78 minutes of the first leg for the patience of the veteran referee, John Martin, to finally snap. Then, after a challenge on Holmes that was as bad, but no worse, than those which had earlier brought bookings for four players from either side, the Burnley midfield player, Hamilton, was the man to see red. Casper's name was taken after he had allowed his substitute, Sonner, to warm up without a tracksuit top over his shirt.

The referee let few dubious challenges pass unpunished, but he seemed to miss one in the fourth minute when the Burnley goalkeeper, Pearce, toppled backwards after going to meet Curran's long throw. Edwards promptly swept in his eighteenth goal of the season to put Torquay ahead.

Elliott, the Torquay centre half, scored the second with a low shot in the 83rd minute.

Scunthorpe were left with ten men when Lister, their midfield player, was sent off in the nineteenth minute for using foul and abusive language after disputing an off-side decision. The clubs' stalemate leaves Blackpool as favourites to progress to the play-off final: they have not at home since January.

Rodwell gave Blackpool a 57th-minute lead after being put through by Garner, but Lillis deservedly equalised for Scunthorpe 13 minutes from the end.

☐ Walsall have given all their players free transfers.

Street-wise tactics prevail

Middlesbrough 1
Notts County 1

By LOUISE TAYLOR

A MEAN and macho Notts County proved far too street-wise for Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park yesterday.

County frequently approached the bounds of professionalism but were not always penalised by Tony Ward, the referee. The result was that Middlesbrough played into the visitors' hands and became distracted by a series of personal feuds, frequently featuring Tommy Johnson, the County winger, which prompted bookings for Cooper, Phillips, Baird and Coleman after retaliatory action.

Middlesbrough were fortunate to end this first-leg second-division play-off semi-final level, thanks to an 85th-minute equaliser from Phillips. However, that may prove too little to prevent County capitalising on home advantage on Wednesday.

Yet had Slaven, twice, and Hendrie been less slapdash in applying the final touch, the Teessiders could have scored three by the twentieth minute. Instead, County assumed the lead after 27 minutes. The goal came from a classic counter-attack, Craig Short and Regis combining to create the opening for Turner to score. With Draper exhibiting some deft touches, and O'Riordan stifling Middlesbrough in midfield, County almost doubled their lead when Johnson hit the bar.

Five minutes from time, Mowbray headed on Kernaghan's free kick to Hendrie, whose centre proved the cue for a mêlée that ended when Phillips scrambled the ball beyond Cherry's grasp.

Colin Todd, the Middlesbrough manager, was not guilty of exaggeration in describing the equaliser as "a life-saver". He added: "It sets us up for a nice battle down there. We were dismal in the second half but showed them how to play football in the first period, and so long as we play to our maximum and are fully committed we have the extra skill to carry us through."

MIDDLESBROUGH: A Dibble; C Cooper (sub: R Mustoe), J Phillips, A Kernaghan, S Coleman, T Putney, B Slaven, M Proctor, I Baird, J Hendrie, S Ripley (sub: A Mowbray).
NOTTS COUNTY: S Cherry; C Palmer, A Paris, Craig Short, Chris Short, D O'Riordan, P Harding (sub: D Thomas), P Turner, D Regis, M Draper, T Johnson.
Referee: A Ward.

ATHLETICS

Students unable to escape the past

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THERE were no Olympic champions, no world record-holders. The odd junior international, yes, and even a senior international or two, but there was plenty of time at Iffley Road, Oxford, on Saturday to gaze at the honours board and recall great achievements past and still catch everything meaningful on the track.

The 117th University match was won by Cambridge, 129-103, in much-less celebrated fashion than when Harold Abrahams and Herb Elliott were accomplices to the deed. Of the 32 world records set and 17 Olympic golds won by students of these universities, the last came from David Hemery in 1968. Even a World Student Games champion looks beyond them this year, unless Jo Dering can come up with something after her University records of 4min 21.2sec in the 1,500 metres and 9min 17.4sec in the 3,000 metres.

Simon Mugglestone might have stood a chance, but he has no plans to participate in Sheffield in July. His sights are fixed on the 5,000 metres at the world championships in Tokyo. This was his last University match, winning the 1,500 metres in 3min 45.4sec and the 5,000 metres in 14min 42.6sec, and it was partly the memory of last year's which has persuaded him to race sparingly this summer.

Last season, Mugglestone broke Sir Roger Bannister's Iffley Road track record for the mile – which had stood since *the* Bannister mile of 1954 – then defeated John Ngugi, the Olympic champion, over 5,000 metres at Portsmouth. But he raced once too often, over-trained and his season was lost.

Mugglestone's double for Oxford was matched by Andrew Lill's, in the 400 metres (48.7sec) and 800 metres (1min 48.7sec), for Cambridge. Gerhard Cruywagen won two of the three hurdles events but reached too far by trying the 110 metres hurdles, though who could blame him?

☐ Tom McKean, the European 800 metres champion, opened his season by retaining his Scottish AAA Western District 1,500 metres title in 3min 45.72sec at Ayr.

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Oddities serve to provide afternoon of high drama

DAVID MILLER

IS BRIAN Clough going to suspend himself, as he did Archie Gemmill, his reserve-team coach, for losing the Cup Final? Some of the legend of 20 years surrounding Clough's remarkable performances evaporated at Wembley as he sat silent and uninvolved during the interval before extra time in the FA Cup final, leaving to his acolytes the responsibility of instruction and inspiration, for the final 30 minutes, of a team that had lost its way. Clough's behaviour is so often imponderable, yet this seemed a dereliction of duty.

It was not the only oddity of an enthralling afternoon. Paul Gascoigne impertinently kissed the hands of a princess and a duchess during the pre-match presentations, disgracefully kicked two opponents during the first quarter of an hour while playing with a demented fury, and was then carried off on a stretcher. When we heard that he had been taken to hospital for examination, it was tempting to ask at which end this would be: his legs or his head?

The removal of Gascoigne, a supposed lead-figure in the afternoon's cast, proved two points: he remains alarmingly immature (on Saturday he was in danger of losing Tottenham the match rather than winning it, had he been sent off instead of carried off); and Tottenham are well capable of surviving without him, as I have for some while suggested. I regret that Gascoigne is injured, if only because it postpones his sale and further complicates Tottenham's survival.

Tottenham were by a distance the deserved winners of the final, and a place in Europe next season, after a match which had dealt them extreme injustice in the first half-hour.

In Gascoigne's absence, the man of the match was Paul Stewart, who not only scored the equalising goal ten minutes into the second half, but lifted Spurs' whole game with a *tour de force* over the next 65 minutes. His conversion to midfield by Terry Venables is one of the many reasons why the Tottenham manager can feel professionally satisfied, whatever the traumas that still await a club teetering on a financial precipice.

It was fortunate indeed that the final was not seriously marred by the indulgence of its referee, Roger Milford, who permitted a level of physical challenge, not just from Gascoigne, that could have resulted in disorder, if only on the field. Gascoigne's two fouls on Parker and Charles deserved a yellow card, if not a red; yet Milford's only response, other than a free kick, was to smile benignly at Gascoigne as though in awe of his over-publicised presence.

Milford and his linesmen between them could have cost Tottenham the match. Although it was exact justice that Pearce should open the scoring, from the free kick for Gascoigne's foul on Charles in the course of which he injured himself, there was a gross infringement by Glover, knocking Mabbutt flat in the defensive wall to create the gap through which Pearce's shot flew into the roof of the net. Eight minutes later, the linesman's decision in giving Lineker offside, in what would have been the equalising goal, quite ignored Lineker's position, a good three yards onside when the ball was played.

From the moment Crosby missed the chance to put Forest two up shortly afterwards, the play was all Tottenham's until Forest briefly rallied towards the end of full-time. Forest's normally fluent touch players, Keane, Woan, Crosby, Parker and Clough, had looked unexpectedly lightweight, so that only the resilience of Walker, Chettle and Pearce kept them in the match. It was particularly cruel that Walker's own-goal should decide the day.

There was something hypocritical in the presence of enough politicians in the royal box to fill a football team. In the countdown to a general election, all were anxious to be seen at the year's biggest celebration of the people: Major, Clarke (K), Mellor, Kinnock, Cunningham and others. I know John Major is a genuine sports enthusiast, but it would be nice to think that come next June the winning party will do something more positive to support the legitimate passion of the public, and recognise that there are votes in sport as well as hospitals and schools. Harold Wilson knew it. Mrs Thatcher *almost* knew it, but could not bring herself to go beyond picture-opportunity handshakes at Number Ten.

I was delighted for Venables that Tottenham won, for it gives substance to his undoubted qualities as a manager. It is a pity that afterwards he showed only commiseration for Gascoigne and not a trace of regret at the fouls which might have been the most significant events of the game had not Tottenham risen above adversity to give us further proof of the health of the English game.


MARC ASPLAND

Low-level flying: Lineker has his feet swept from beneath him by Crossley, only to miss the ensuing penalty

Tottenham fired by absent friend

Tottenham Hotspur..... 2
Nottingham Forest..... 1

By STUART JONES

PAUL Gascoigne, who directed Tottenham Hotspur to the FA Cup final, won the trophy for them in absentia. The sight of him being carried off cruelly prematurely, albeit with a self-inflicted wound, lit a fire of inspiration which burned throughout the finest two hours of Terry Venables's managerial career.

As Gascoigne lay stricken in hospital, Paul Stewart, the scorer of Tottenham's equaliser and their spiritual leader, publicly dedicated both his goal and the victory to his closest friend in the club. Later, accompanied by the whole squad, he took the winner's medal to the source of his motivation.

"The players had to make a decision when he went off," Venables said: "Either, that is us gone and people will understand if we lose, or, roll up the sleeves and do it for ourselves and for him. He's greatly admired by the other players and they all pulled together."

Gascoigne, provoked by the prospect of his supposed farewell, allowed his natural exuberance to spill over into unrestrained recklessness. The first of his wild tackles was dangerously high on Parker; the second, on Charles, caused the damage to his own right knee.

Gascoigne was booked for neither offence, but judgement, if applied illegitimately, was served after his foul on Charles. Glover detached Mabbutt from the wall and, through the gap caused by the push, Pearce drove in a characteristically ferocious free kick. It was the last threatening blow to be struck by Nottingham Forest.

Crosby should almost immediately have illuminated an otherwise anonymous display by increasing their lead. Yet Tottenham, responding to a series of misfortunes, controlled their emotions, their aggression and eventually a final which, even though it featured Gascoigne for a mere 17 minutes, was as aesthetically appealing and enthralling as had been predicted.

Two tactical moves were hugely influential. Brian Clough's decision to order Lineker to be marked initially by the comparatively cumbersome Chettle, rather than Walker, was as inexplicable as his typically eccentric refusal to utter a word of encouragement or guidance to his youngsters before the start of extra time.

Venables, the undisputed winner of the tactical game, simply countered Forest's attack by employing Howells, the most versatile member of a collection of all-rounders, to obliterate Nigel Clough. The favourites, the scorers of 23 goals in their previous seven fixtures, consequently created only one genuine opening in two hours.

"Forest are an outstanding side full of goals", Venables said, "and we limited them to so few chances. If you don't do things right against them, you can get a hiding. That is why the role of Howells was so important. Everybody else did as much as I could have asked of them".

Lineker, running at will around Chettle, had one effort erroneously disallowed for offside before he earned a penalty. Crossley might have suffered the same fate as Gale, West Ham United's central defender harshly sent off in the semi-final against Forest, but his attempt to gather the ball was adjudged to be genuine.

When Forest's goalkeeper turned Lineker's penalty around a post, it seemed that Tottenham's season of turmoil was destined to end in failure. Stewart, converted into a midfield player five months ago, and Allen, in particular, lifted them towards not only success but also potential glory in Europe next season.

Although Walker was belatedly assigned to mark Lineker, Forest could not contain various invaders advancing from midfield. Stewart, released by Allen, put Tottenham level before the hour, and Howells would have claimed a dramatic winner had his header not been clawed aside by Crossley in the closing seconds of normal time.

Then, surely, was the time for Brian Clough to attempt to install a sense of purpose in a team which had lost its way. Glover, the lone forward, had become increasingly isolated and his own son's contribution was negligible. Yet Forest's manager, instead of joining his assistants on the pitch, chose instead to walk in the opposite direction and exchange a few words with a policeman in the tunnel.

As Brian Clough sat impassively and alone on the bench, a contrastingly animated Venables urged his side to complete an achievement which he described as "the best of my career". He said: "We didn't just win. We also played in a way that I've always hoped we would.

"There were some great performances and a few candidates for the man of the match. I wouldn't like to single out anybody but Stewart was magnificent." Appropriately, it was Stewart's flick which prompted Walker, sensing the danger posed by Mabbutt behind him, to head into his own net.

Mabbutt could empathise with the England international. He had inadvertently perpetrated the same decisive error against Coventry City in the 1987 final, but Tottenham had earned the touch of luck which maintained their tradition of winning honours in the first year of a decade.

Their immediate future may remain insecure but they are at least assured of opening next season with an unprecedented north London derby. Never before have Arsenal and Tottenham collected the two principal trophies in the same year and qualified to compete against each other for the Charity Shield.

WEMBLEY MATCH FACTS

At Wembley — Att: 80,000 — Ref: R Milford

HT: 1-0 **NOTTM FOREST 1** **TOTTENHAM 2**
Reg T: 1-1 after extra time

Scorers:	Pearce 16	Stewart 55 Walker (og) 94
Cautions:	Hodge 112	—
Subs:	Hodge 82 (Woan) Laws 108 (Glover)	Nayim 17 (Gascoigne) Walsh 81 (Samways)

	NOTTM FOREST		TOTTENHAM	
Shots (on target/total)	3	10	8	13
Corners (left/right)	3	4	5	5
Crosses (left/right)	12	15	15	22
Free kicks/pens conceded	21	1	22	—
Offsides		4		7
Possession (gained/lost)	65	127	65	127

NOTTM FOREST (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
M Crossley	—	—	—	1	—
G Charles	2	—	1	—	1
S Pearce*	1	4	—	3	4
D Walker	—	—	—	1	—
S Chettle	—	—	—	1	—
R Keane	1	—	1	4	1
G Crosby	1	—	7	2	4
G Parker	4	1	3	—	2
N Clough	—	—	1	2	3
L Glover	—	2	1	2	3
I Woan	1	4	—	1	—
B Laws	—	—	1	1	—
S Hodge	—	1	—	3	1

TOTTENHAM (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
E Thorstvedt	—	—	—	—	—
J Edinburgh	—	—	—	3	3
P v den Hauwe	—	—	7	2	—
S Sedgley	2	3	—	3	1
D Howells	3	—	—	1	1
G Mabbutt*	1	1	—	1	—
P Stewart	1	1	—	3	5
P Gascoigne	1	2	—	2	1
V Samways	2	2	2	1	2
G Lineker	1	—	—	—	3
P Allen	1	—	4	1	2
P Walsh	1	1	4	1	2
Nayim	—	5	5	1	1

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Kirk compounds United's agony

Dundee United..... 3
Motherwell..... 4

By RODDY FORSYTH

THIS Scottish Cup final was possibly the most dramatic in the 117-year history of the competition. For the first time in 79 years, the competing teams were led out by brothers, Jim McLean of United and Motherwell's Tommy, but, more important, United were looking to end a series of five defeats in five Scottish Cup finals.

United looked to be ending that run when French scored after 90 seconds, but the goal was disallowed for a questionable offside, and when Motherwell, 66-1 outsiders at the start of the competition, scored their third through Angus from an apparently more clearly offside situation, United appeared resigned to a sixth defeat.

Ferguson, the former Tannadice forward, gave Motherwell the lead after 32 minutes with an elegant header, but Bowman brought put United back in the game, ten minutes into the second half, with a goal from 20 yards, after Maxwell had injured a stomach muscle.

United's inability to cope with crosses in their own area was punished by a brave header from O'Donnell on 58 minutes before Angus struck.

O'Neill's simple headed goal threw United a lifeline with 23 minutes to go and Jackson headed over Maxwell on the stroke of 90 minutes with the crowd in raptures. Predictably another header, by the remarkable Motherwell substitute, Kirk, settled the game five minutes into extra time.

Two remarkable saves by Maxwell, when he was suffering double vision and severe nausea, denied Jackson and Main.

DUNDEE UNITED: A Main; J Clark, M Malpas, J McNally, M Kinvkapic, D Bowman, F Van der Hoorn, R McKinnon (sub: W McKinlay), H French, D Ferguson (sub: J O'Neill), D Jackson.
MOTHERWELL: A Maxwell; L Nijholt, T Boyd, J Griffin, C Paterson, C McCart, D Arnott, I Angus, I Ferguson (sub: S Kirk), P O'Donnell, D Cooper (sub: C O'Neill).
Referee: D Syme.

Bould set to earn first cap

TONY Adams may have opened the door for his Arsenal team-mate, Steve Bould, to win his first cap when he withdrew from the England squad for the game against the Soviet Union at Wembley tomorrow. Adams damaged a calf during a win over Liverpool in an exhibition match in Singapore last week.

With Graham Taylor, the England manager, not calling on players from the teams involved in the FA Cup final, and only Neil Webb, from Manchester United, who won the European Cup Winners' Cup last week, he finds himself also without Gary Pallister and Des Walker.

But he refused to confirm that Steve Bull would line up alongside Mark Wright when he names his side today.

His squad had already been reduced by the withdrawal of Lee Sharpe, of Manchester United, and the decision of Marseilles, who are involved in the European Cup final, to pull out Chris Waddle. But Taylor said: "I'm not calling in any replacements. We still have 19 and that should be sufficient."

ENGLAND B (v Switzerland B, at Walsall, today): N Martyn (Crystal Palace), R Joseph (Wimbledon), P King (Sheffield Wednesday), I Bishop (West Ham United), P Elliott (Celtic), E Barrett (Oldham Athletic), D Gordon (Norwich City), D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday), B Deane (Sheffield United), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), G Le Saux (Chelsea).

☐ Traces of cocaine have been found in a sample taken from Edoardo Bortolloti, of second-division Brescia, the Italian football federation has announced.

☐ Utrecht — Police arrested 68 football supporters who damaged local buses and a train after Utrecht beat Groningen 4-0 here at the weekend. Four were arrested in Utrecht and the rest as they returned to Groningen. Both sides are virtually certain to play in the Uefa Cup next season. Groningen are third and Utrecht fourth in the Dutch league.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

FA Cup
Final
NOTTM FOR (1) 1 TOTTENHAM (0) 2
Pearce 15 — Stewart 54, Walker 94 og
80,000
(score 1-1 after 90min)
(at Wembley)

Tennents Scottish Cup
Final
DUNDEE U (0) 3 MOTHERWLL (1) 4
Bowman 55, O'Neil 67, Jackson 90 — Ferguson 32, O'Donnell 58, Angus 65, Kirk 94
57,319
(score 3-3 after 90min)
(at Hampden Park)

Allbright Bitter Welsh Cup
Final
SWANSEA (0) 2 WREXHAM (0) 0
Penney 82 (pen), Raynor 78 — 5,000
(at the National Stadium)

Barclays League
Play-offs
Second division
BRIGHTON (1) 4 MILLWALL (1) 1
Barham 40 Small 53, Walker 55 Codner 60 — Stephenson 14
15,390
MIDDLSBRO (0) 1 NOTTS CO (1) 1
Phillips 86 — Turner 27
22,343

Third division
BRENTFORD (1) 2 TRANMERE (0) 2
Evans 13 Godfrey 90 — Cooper 52 72
9,930
BURY (1) 1 BOLTON (0) 1
Lee 42 (pen) — Phillisdrk 59 (pen)
8,000

Fourth division
SCUNTHRPE (0) 1 BLACKPOOL (0) 1
Lillis 77 — Rodwell 57
6,536
TORQUAY (1) 2 BURNLEY (0) 0
Edwards 5 Elliott 83 — 5,600

Fourstars Allstar puts Europeans in shade

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

FOURSTARS Allstar gave the United States its first victory in a European classic with its first runner when beating Star Of Gdansk in an historic 71st running of the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Saturday.

When Leo O'Brien, who as an apprentice had ridden Similar to win at the Curragh, set sail for the United States in search of fame and fortune, he promised himself that one day he would come back with his own horse.

Last season, Fourstars Allstar proved himself the best American two-year-old on grass. The trainer asked owner-breeder Richard Bomze to take the gamble and he was only too willing to have a go.

A winner at Belmont Park the previous Saturday, Fourstars Allstar is clearly a robust individual who showed no ill-effects from his transatlantic journey on Thursday.

Well ridden by Mike Smith, Fourstar Allstar made the running for almost six furlongs and then came again well inside the final furlong to get the better of Star Of Gdansk and Christy Roche by a head.

Jim Bolger, trainer of the runner-up, would like to run him in the Derby but is anxious that he may be too big to act around Epsom. "I intend to give him plenty of homework on my left-handed downhill gallop and, if he satisfies me, he will take his chance at Epsom," Bolger said yesterday. "If he has to give Epsom a miss, his target will be the Irish Derby."

The Newmarket 2,000 Guineas form did not stand up well as Lycius was fully six lengths away third, three-quarters of a length in front of the other French challenger, Ganges.

Punters were critical of the tactics adopted by Steve Cauthen but Lycius may well have a temperament problem and the blinds had to be put on before he went into his stall.

Zoman continued the winning run of Alan Munro for his new retainer Fahd Salman with a stylish four-length victory over Topanoora in the Tattersalls Rogers Gold Cup while Michael Stoute's Reference Light finished third behind Lester Piggott on Archway in the group three Greenlands Stakes.

Curragh details

Going: good
3.50 AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O: £154,380: 1m)
FOURSTARS ALLSTARS b c Compliance - Broadway Joan (R Bomze) 9-0 M Smith (9-1) 1.
Star Of Gdansk ch c Danzig Connection - Star Empress (H de Kwiatkowski) 9-0 C Roche (18-1) 2.
Lycius ch c Mr Prospector - Lypatia (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 S Cauthen (Evens fav) 3.
ALSO RAN: 8 Ganges (4th), 10 Kalahari Prince (7th), 12 Rinka Das (8th), 14 Mellaby (6th), 20 Golden Mintage (11th), 25 Malvernico (10th), 40 Satrap (last), 50 Approach The Bench (5th), Street Rebel (5th). 12 ran. Hd, sh, ¾l, 1l. 2, hd. L O'Brien in US. Tote: £9.00; £2.30, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £53.70. CSF: £124.06. 1min 38.8sec.

Cecil baffled by poor performances

By RICHARD EVANS

HENRY Cecil, nine times champion trainer, is baffled by the malaise currently affecting many of the horses in his classic string.

Every top stable goes through an occasional lean spell, but Cecil admitted yesterday he has never experienced anything comparable in the 22 years he has held a trainer's licence.

"My horses are under a cloud. There is something a little bit wrong and I am trying to eliminate it. I don't know if it's the oats, the hay or whatever. I am trying to change it round.

"The horses just don't seem to be firing and don't look right, and they come back looking dreadful. "They have not got the virus. They have all been blood-tested. But there is something wrong and I don't know what it is."

Cecil is languishing in tenth spot in the trainer's table, an unthinkably low spot by his normal high standards, given his 160-horsepower stable.

"I have had quite a few running badly, starting with Desert Sun. He didn't look quite right. He was flat and never going at all. Aratos had been working fantastically with Axe who won at Kempton, and yet finished tailed off in his race at York last week.

"There have been about 15 or 16 like that. When horses run a second time and you are looking for improvement, they are running about a stone and a half worse. I am doing exactly the same things as I have done for 22 years, so it is rather puzzling."

The master of Warren Place intends to take things carefully and will not have many runners at Goodwood this week, although Hokusai is a possible for the Predominate Stakes.

While Cecil prays for a change in fortunes, Paul Cole's horses are in outstanding form and two of his stable stars continued the good work on Saturday.

Snurge towered over his rivals before and during the Aston Park Stakes at Newbury on Saturday. Sixth turning into the straight, he displayed excellent acceleration one-and-a-half furlongs from home to settle the matter.

The Arc remains the ultimate objective for Snurge and Epervier Bleu, who was a slightly unfortunate runner-up behind Saumarez at Longchamp last year. Daniel Wildenstein's four-year-old has progressed physically over the winter and looked magnificent on the Chantilly gallops last week.

Zoman completed a marvellous weekend for Cole by winning the Tattersalls Rogers Gold Cup at the Curragh. The four-year-old is now expected to go for the Prix d'Ispahan.

Sanglamore is likely to make his return in the same race. Last year's French Derby winner pleased Roger Charlton during a workout at Newbury on Saturday. Quest For Fame impressed in the same gallop and stays on course for the Coronation Cup.

Colc is planning a proper racecourse trial within the next ten days for his 2,000 Guineas fourth Generous to determine whether he gets the 12-furlong Derby trip.

Corrupt was promoted to 4-1 joint-favourite with Toulon for the Epsom classic by Hills yesterday. Mystiko is now 5-1.

Neville Callaghan, Corrupt's trainer, is due to meet Corrupt's owner today to finalise riding plans. Lester Piggott, who has won the race nine times, is still without a ride. However, he has decided to desert Kooyonga, runner-up to Shadayid in the 1,000 Guineas, in favour of Vincent O'Brien's Rua D'Oro in the Irish 1,000 Guineas on Saturday.

Clive Brittain has decided against running Luchiroverte in the Predominate Stakes. The runner-up to Toulon would have provided a good guide to the value of the Chester form.

Classic triumph may start trend

By RICHARD EVANS

FOURSTARS Allstar's victory in the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Saturday may well prompt other leading American-trained horses to cross the Atlantic in search of big European prizes.

Four top US milers are already pencilled in to compete in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, Europe's richest mile race, at Ascot on September 28.

Housebuster, Black Tie Affair, Thirty Six Red and Kyle's Our Man will definitely be entered and the weekend result at the Curragh will undoubtedly encourage their connections to run their horses at the Festival of Racing.

Saturday's result should help remove doubts in the minds of US trainers and owners about the ability of their horses to overcome the long west-to-east journey and cope with right-handed, galloping tracks.

The Ascot authorities have displayed much-needed vision by offering generous travel and hotel allowances to tempt international entries. Stylish Century, a leading Australian horse, may also run at Ascot after competing in the Arlington Million.

Nick Clarke, managing director of the International Racing Bureau which is helping with the overseas entries, said yesterday: "The US bloodstock market is pretty depressed and they now realise it is an advantage to expose their horses in Europe. It is a reversal of the situation here five to ten years ago."

Denstone Wanderer heads Times entries

By BRIAN BEEL

DENSTONE Wanderer, the winner of a hunter chase at Folkestone last week, heads the 14 five-day entries for *The Times* Championship final at Towcester on Friday.

Denstone Wanderer had qualified for the final by previously finishing third at Kingston Blount behind Wild Illusion and Mr Sponge, who is also included in the probable starters.

Although Wild Illusion will not run, his rider, Ian McKie, is likely to be on Radical Views, whose two successes after qualifying include the open at the Atherstone.

Sandstone Arch has carried all before him in point-to-points but has had no success so far when tried three times over the stiffer fences in hunter chases. He represents the north west, the area which provided last year's winner, Final Chant. Behind Sandstone Arch at Eaton Hall three weeks ago was In Hand, whose connections will have been encouraged by his second in Saturday's hunter chase at Bangor.

A winner of two of his three races, Strong Bond looks the pick of those from the south and, although Treble Chance disappointed on Saturday at the Ystrad point-to-point when he finished only fourth in the adjacent race to Solars Pride, Welsh hopes will be pinned on him reproducing his form of earlier in the season.

The entries for *The Times* final are: Celtic William, Denstone Wanderer, Discus Thrower, Goodbye Roscoe, Gunmetal Boy, In Hand, Jack Dwyer, Linger At Sea, Mr Sponge, Radical Views, Sandstone Arch, Strong Bond, Skywardbound and Treble Chance.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

DULVERTON WEST (Bratton Down): Hunt: 1, Moorcross (S Slade, 9-1); 2, White Supreme; 3, Carl Lane. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Roving Glen (Miss L Blackford, 5-2); 2, Mendip Express; 3, Timber Lass. 14 ran. Open: 1, Dawn Saga (T Mitchell, 5-1); 2, Juvenile Prince; 3, Air Strike. 13 ran. PPOA: 1, Fennelly (Miss A Dare, 8-11 fav); 2, Enchanting River; 3, Gratification. 11 ran. Adj: 1, Thrales (Miss P Curling, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Seal Prince; 3, Straight Brandy. 9 ran. Adj Rest: 1, Cracklt (R Hellis, 6-4); 2, Lady Lang; 3, Sailor's Shanty. 8 ran.
MELTON HUNT CLUB (Garthorpe): Hunt: 1, Knockdaur (M Sowersby, 6-4 fav); 2, Fernhill Bride; 3, Button Your Lip. 7 ran. Hunt Families: 1, bor (Mrs P Nash, 4-7 fav); 2, Courageous Owl; 3, Money From America. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Jimster (Mrs P Nash, 4-7 fav); 2, Steele Justice; 3, Shadow Walker. 7 ran. Novice Championship. 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry, Evens fav); 2, Pamperon; 3, Joestone. 11 ran. Open: 1, Speakers Corner (M Sowersby, 7-4 fav); 2, Nellama; 3, Stanwick Grange. 6 ran. Restr Hunt: 1, Hear No Evil (E Nicolson, 33-1); 2, Fury Manor; 3, Ling Hall. 20 ran.
YSTRAD (Llanwonno): Hunt: 1, Sandholme (P Harner, 4-7 fav); 2, Rocky Prince; 3, Ribble Light. 6 ran. Restr: 1, Fox Pointer (J Thomas, 20-1); 2, Captain Equaty; 3, Lucky Rose. 9 ran. Adj: 1, Solars Pride (R Rowsell, 6-1); 2, Efficiandeon; 3, Dewliner. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Yuan Princess (Mrs H Morgan-Jones, 5-1); 2, Best Intent; 3, Lady Lavena. 4 ran. Open: 1, Strundy (E Williams, 20-1); 2, Prostube; 3, Mr Dibbs. 6 ran. Maid: 1, Bribella (T Rodney, 5-1); 2, Summer Trip; 3, Miss Foxglove. 7 ran.

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Saint Systems can show her liking for Bath again

THE timeless adage of "horses for courses" can again be brought into play at Bath this afternoon when previous course winners Saint Systems (3.00) and Milne's Way (4.30) are expected to gain further success.

Sprint handicaps are often a graveyard for punters and, while the Malmesbury Handicap looks no easier than many of its kind, it could be worth taking a chance with Saint Systems.

She was still burly when finishing last behind Baysham at Salisbury and still looked in need of the race at Nottingham last week when a close thirteenth of 26 behind Thatchenne.

It should be remembered that the five-year-old won here twice last season. Provided, she makes a fast start and gets over to the rails, she could prevail again at attractive odds.

Milne's Way looks on a handy mark in the Downs Handicap. She won here last July over this trip, and although further victories have eluded her, subsequent performances showed a marked preference for this distance and a sound surface.

On her first run this season, against race-fit rivals, she acquitted herself well when three-and-a-quarter lengths fourth to Johns Joy at Salisbury.

Martin Pipe has enjoyed a good deal of success on the Flat over the years, and he can strike again with Clear Light in the Shrewsbury Handicap at Wolverhampton.

The four-year-old won at Southwell and Warwick before putting up what may have been an even better performance when two lengths second to Non Constat, again at Warwick. The pair were ten lengths clear, which suggests it was good form.

Clear Light also ran another good race when third to Top Of The Bill at Chester 11 days ago. This looks an easier assignment, and he is my nap.

Jack Berry can continue his relentless pursuit of winners by landing a double with Hooting Don (4.30) and Ellebanna (5.00).

At Folkestone, Showmanship could prove the answer to the Dover Handicap. The Chris Wall-trained three-year-old was less than four lengths third behind Every One A Gem at Brighton earlier this month. That was over ten furlongs, and he should prove more effective over today's trip.

Lester Piggott and Jack Berry team up in the Metropole Challenge Cup Stakes with Bit-A-Magic, who beat the subsequent York winner Young Senor by a neck at Newmarket on 2,000 Guineas day.

However, I just prefer Lamastre, a daughter of Jalmood, who beat Premier Envelope by a length at Wolverhampton last month. That form, on the face of it, looks inferior, but Lamastre was very slowly away and made a lot of ground in the closing stages to suggest that, with experience, she can go on to better things.

Finally, at Hamilton, Michael Bell can make the 720-mile round trip from Newmarket worthwhile by winning the Drumloch Maiden Stakes with Simply-H, who showed potential when second behind Magic Ring at Windsor.

Blinkered first time

BATH: 2.30 High Grade. 3.00 Old Comrades. 3.30 Springfield Park. FOLKESTONE: 3.15 On The Sauce. 4.45 Domain. WOLVERHAMPTON: 4.30 Trainbleu. HAMILTON PARK: 2.15 Sexy Mover.

Possessive Dancer lifts Oaks

POSSESSIVE Dancer, ridden by Walter Swinburn, extended her unbeaten record to four with an impressive two-length victory over Imco Lisi in the group one £107,326 Oaks d'Italia in Milan on Saturday.

John Dunlop's Brockette (Eddie Maple) was sent off favourite but could only finish third, a further two-and-a-quarter lengths away, with the Barry Hills-trained Lofty Lady (Gary Carter) well beaten in sixth place.

The winner, trained at Newmarket by Alex Scott, was a 4-1 chance.

In Germany today, John Dunlop's Flying Brave (John Reid) and John Gosden's Roger De Berkstet (Bruce Raymond) contest the group two £51,038 Mehl-Mulhens Rennen (German 2,000 Guineas) in Cologne. Walter Swinburn rides the French-trained Audio for Sheikh Mohammed.

Steve Cauthen is also in action in Germany, riding the Andre Fabre-trained Malmsey for Sheikh Mohammed in the £51,038 group two Grosser Hertie Preis Von Deutschland in Munich.

FOLKESTONE

MANDARIN
1.45 Pripet. 2.15 Hand Painted. 2.45 Lamastre. 3.15 Showmanship. 3.45 Centerland. 4.15 Ergana. 4.45 Brora Rose.

THUNDERER
1.45 Hidden Quest. 2.15 Charter Lights. 2.45 Lamastre. 3.15 Incola. 3.45 Centerland. 4.15 Ergana. 4.45 Domain.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Royal Walkabout.

GOING: FIRM

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 BARHAM THREE-YRS-OLD MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,174: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

1 8 AMAAM 21 A Stewart 9-0 ..... T Quinn 8
2 0 HIDDEN QUEST 20 G Harwood 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 3
3 40-4 PELENG 9 P Kelleway 9-0 ..... L Dettori 5
4 0054 SKI DANCER 9 D Elsworth 9-0 ..... L Piggott 2
5 0-8 HUD HUD 12 A Scott 8-9 ..... Paul Eddery 7
6 0-0 NAUGHTY NORA 46 A Moore 8-9 ..... B Rouse 4
7 PRIPET H Cecil 8-9 ..... A McGlone 6
8 TANIZ H Cecil 8-9 ..... S Davies (7) 1

9-4 Pripet, 11-4 Taniz, 7-2 Hidden Quest, 6-1 Amaam, 12-1 Peleng, 14-1 Ski Dancer, 16-1 others.

2.15 TIM FREEMAN CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: £2,477: 1m 2f) (9)

1 0-20 GLASSBLOWER 21 (D,SF,F) R Akehurst 4-8-7 ..... Ron Hillis (3) 8
2 060- VANISKI 212 Mrs B Waring 4-8-5 ..... N Howe 6
3 20/0- SAXON LAD 225J (F) G Enright 5-8-3 ..... T Quinn 9
4 -000 SOBRIETY 14 (F,G,S) G Balding 6-8-3 ..... A Cruz 3
5 8003 POLLY MULDOWNEY 7 R Stubbs 4-8-2 ..... A McGlone 7
6 0342 HAND PAINTED 19 J Pearce 7-7-13 ..... — 2
7 5000 YEOMAN BID 7 K Ivory 4-7-13 ..... C Rutter 5
8 500 CHARTER LIGHTS 17 J Jenkins 4-7-9 ..... R Fox 1
9 SYLVANI COTTAGE R Hodges 6-7-8 ..... R Street 4

2-1 Glassblower, 5-2 Sobriety, 4-1 Hand Painted, 6-1 Charter Lights, 8-1 Saxon Lad, 10-1 Yeoman Bid, 16-1 others.

2.45 METROPOLE CHALLENGE CUP STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,898: 5f) (7)

1 1 BIT-A-MAGIC 16 (D,G) J Berry 9-4 ..... L Piggott 5
2 1 ROYAL WALKABOUT 7 (D,F) John FitzGerald 8-4 ..... R Cochrane 6
3 14 TITCH WIZARD 13 (D,F) G Lewis 9-4 ..... Paul Eddery 2
4 1 LAMASTRE 21 (D,F) R Hodges 8-13 ..... L Dettori 4
5 615 MYKINDOFMUSIC 7 (D,G) M Haynes 8-13 ..... C Rutter 7
6 5 NOSEEM 41 N Callaghan 8-11 ..... A Cruz 1
7 ROOKERY PARK J Fitch-Hayes 8-11 ..... T Quinn 3

7-4 Bit-A-Magic, 11-4 Royal Walkabout, 4-1 Lamastre, 6-1 Noseem, 10-1 Mykindofmusic, 12-1 Titch Wizard, 33-1 Rookery Park.

☐ Hansel, a disappointing tenth when favourite for the Kentucky Derby, made amends with an emphatic victory in the Preakness Stakes, second leg of the American triple crown, at Pimlico on Saturday. Trained by Frank Brothers and ridden by Jerry Bailey, the Woodman colt beat Corporate Report by seven lengths with Strike The Gold, the Kentucky Derby winner, a well beaten sixth.

3.15 DOVER HANDICAP (£2,521: 1m 4f) (14)

1 1/08 ALLIED FORCE 89 (D,G) A Dawson 9-10-0 ..... T Quinn 6
2 -/10 MILTON BURN 26 (B,D,F,GLS) C Austin 10-8-9 ..... B Doyle (7) 7
3 6P-0 ON THE SAUCE 48 (B) M Haynes 4-8-9 ..... R Cochrane 2
4 6-00 MERTON MILL 28 (F) D Morley 4-8-8 ..... E Sendley (7) 12
5 5620 RUSSIAN RED 63 (BF) W Wightman 4-8-7 ..... L Dettori 11
6 6055 SHOWMANSHIP 11 C Wall 4-8-5 ..... A McGlone 10
7 14-0 INCOLA 29 (CD,F,G) H Candy 5-8-0 ..... C Rutter 13
8 5-00 GLENSTAL PRIORY 33 P Cole 4-7-12 ..... — 8
9 0/0 THE WOODEN HUT 65J (CD,S) R Voorspuy 6-7-9 ..... S Dawson 9
10 805- STAPLEFORD LADY 258 A Hide 3-7-9 ..... M A Giles 14
11 0-00 LADY GRENVILLE 21 P Leach 4-7-8 ..... R Street 3
12 3-00 GREENHILLS PRIDE 20 (S) J Jenkins 7-7-7 ..... R Fox 1
13 000- SEABEE 210 K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-7 ..... D Gibbs (7) 4
14 40/ MICRONOVA 573 E Wheeler 5-7-7 ..... B Thomas (7) 5

11-4 Merton Mill, 7-2 Showmanship, 5-1 Russian Red, 8-1 Incola, 7-1 Milton Burn, 10-1 Stapleford Lady, 14-1 others.

3.45 GLOVER INSURANCE SERVICES FOLKESTONE STAKES (£2,924: 6f) (7)

1 0-50 CENTERLAND 34 (C,D,F) M Wentworth 4-9-7 ..... A Cruz 7
2 6-30 DICKENS LANE 28 (D) R Hannon 4-9-7 ..... B Rouse 2
3 3215 SIZZLING SAGA 9 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-8-11 ..... L Piggott 3
4 143- THE OLD FIRM 313 (S) N Callaghan 3-8-11 ..... T Quinn 1
5 60-3 QUIET VICTORY 7 D Williams 4-8-9 ..... NON-RUNNER 5
6 145- TISWA 226 (D,G) B Hanbury 3-8-6 ..... R Fox 4
7 BLUE SAVANNAH A Dawson 3-8-4 ..... Paul Eddery 6

13-8 Centerland, 5-2 Sizzling Saga, 9-2 The Old Firm, 6-1 Tiswa, 14-1 Dickens Lane, 16-1 Blue Savannah.

4.15 TIM FREEMAN CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: £2,456: 1m 2f) (9)

1 3-05 MIDDAY SHOW 21 J Jenkins 4-9-7 ..... L Dettori 8
2 00-3 CARRY ON CARY 11 (S) R Stubbs 5-8-11 ..... L Piggott 2
3 0050 PRICELESS FANTASY 8 (F) I Wardle 4-8-11 ..... — 1
4 222- ERGANA 213 W Holden 4-8-2 ..... B Russell (7) 9
5 0/ LE SAINT GERAN 84J H Collingridge 5-8-1 ..... C Hawksley (7) 3
6 0200 INTUITIVE JOE 10 (F) G Lewis 4-7-13 ..... Paul Eddery 4
7 0000 RAJPUT RAJAH 11 (B) E Wheeler 4-7-13 ..... S Dawson 7
8 60 MYBELLA ANN 7 J Akehurst 4-7-12 ..... R Fox 5
9 00-0 SPRING HIGH 6 (C,F) K Ivory 4-7-12 ..... Dana Mellor 8

5-2 Carry On Cary, 7-2 Ergana, 4-1 Midday Show, 7-1 Intuitive Joe, 8-1 Priceless Fantasy, 10-1 Mybella Ann, 12-1 others.

4.45 WALMER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,998: 1m 2f) (15)

1 5-32 INDIAN SLAVE 11 R Guest 9-7 ..... N Day 12
2 30-0 MASTHUL 26 D Morley 9-3 ..... Paul Eddery 4
3 0-00 DOMAIN 18 (S) I Balding 9-2 ..... R Cochrane 15
4 0-04 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 14 M Madbrook 9-0 ..... A Cruz 5
5 4-44 BAYLORD PRINCE 11 W Carter 8-0 ..... L Piggott 2
6 04-4 BRORA ROSE 13 J Bethell 8-11 ..... L Dettori 11
7 50-6 ROUTING 10 M Bell 8-10 ..... T Quinn 6
8 6-50 OAKBOURNE 13 T Thomson Jones 8-10 ..... A McGlone 14
9 6-00 BAYPHIA 21 G Lewis 8-6 ..... B Rouse 3
10 000- DASHING FELLOW 189 P Cole 8-1 ..... C Rutter 10
11 00-0 MISTRAL GIRL 48 R Hannon 8-0 ..... Wendy Jones (7) 8
12 0-00 CROMK'S DOMINION 12 G Lewis 7-12 ..... R Fox 1
13 00-4 LADY POLY 121 Miss B Sanders 7-11 ..... M Scott (7) 13
14 5053 PETER PUMPKIN 93 (S) R Voorspuy 7-10 Jaid Houston 9
15 0-40 SPECIAL REQUEST 11 (S) K Ivory 7-10 ..... Dana Mellor 7

9-2 Mistral Girl, 5-1 Brora Rose, 7-1 Domain, Explosive Speed, 8-1 Dashing Fellow, Indian Slave, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 32 winners from 80 runners, 40.0%; A C Stewart, 8 from 32, 27.3%; N A Callaghan, 8 from 34, 23.5%; H R A Cecil, 6 from 27, 22.2%; P F I Cole, 11 from 53, 20.8%; B Hanbury, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 24 winners from 135 rides, 17.8%; L Dettori, 4 from 23, 17.4%; N Day, 7 from 41, 17.1%; T Quinn, 15 from 111, 13.5%; Paul Eddery, 14 from 112, 12.5%. (Only qualifiers).

HAMILTON PARK

MANDARIN
2.15 Casa Bella. 2.45 Simply-H. 3.15 Golden Gunner. 3.45 Danny Kane. 4.15 Forever Diamonds. 4.45 Laurel Queen. 5.15 Blue Grit.

THUNDERER
2.15 My Chiara. 2.45 Ned's Bonanza. 3.15 Golden Gunner. 3.45 Truthful Image. 4.15 Forever Diamonds. 4.45 Laurel Queen. 5.15 ROBERT DEAR (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Golden Gunner.

GOING: FIRM (RND); GOOD TO FIRM (STR)

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 HAMILTON PARK LADIES HANDICAP
(£3,027: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 -080 MY CHIARA 25 (D,F) M Usher 5-11-7 ..... Angela Usher (7) 1
2 -025 YOUNG GEORGE 19 (C,F,G) M Dods 4-10-12 ..... Carole Dods (7) 8
3 00-0 SHADOWLAND 23 (G Pritchard-Gordon 3-10-4 ..... Princess Royal 4
4 2/06 STAND AT EASE 11 W Storey 6-10-3 ..... Sharon Murgatroyd 5
5 24-0 RADIO CAROLINE 17 A Harrison 3-10-2 (38) Harrison (5) 9
6 5-00 ALPHA HELIX 35 (V,CD,F,G,S) J S Wilson 8-9-13 ..... Linda Perrett 2
7 20-3 CASA BELLA 7 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-11 Lois Leggett (5) 7
8 5/0- SEXY MOVER 12J (V) W Storey 4-9-3 ..... Stella Storey (7) 6
9 -000 PERSPECTIVE 9 M Tompkins 3-9-0 ..... Sally Smithson (7) 3

5-2 Casa Bella, 3-1 Young George, 4-1 My Chiara, 6-1 Stand At Ease, 8-1 Radio Caroline, 12-1 Alpha Helix, 16-1 others.

2.45 DRUMLOCH MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £2,412: 5f) (5)

1 DARK MIDNIGHT P Haslam 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown 4
2 JUBAL EARLY W Pearce 9-0 ..... D Nicholls 2
3 2 NED'S BONANZA 12 R Whitaker 9-0 ..... A Culhane 5
4 2 SIMPLY-H 7 M Bell 9-0 ..... M Hills 1
5 4 TENACITY 7 J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll 3

9-4 Ned's Bonanza, 11-4 Tenacity, 7-2 Simply-H, 9-2 Dark Midnight, 6-1 Jubal Early.

3.15 LANGS SUPREME SCOTCH WHISKY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,687: 1m 3f) (8)

1 -340 AZUREUS 18 (F) J S Wilson 9-7 ..... M Birch 3
2 0-30 FINAL CHEED 28 (S) F Lee 9-2 ..... Dean McKeown 1
3 0-51 GOLDEN GUNNER 11 (F) M Tompkins 9-2 ..... C Hodgson (5) 5
4 2012 CRIMSON CLOUD 11 (F) N Tinkler 8-13 ..... Kim Tinkler 6
5 -501 CHIEFS BABU 14 (G) B Hanbury 8-10 ..... J Lowe 2
6 2014 ROBERTY LEA 3 (F) T Fairhurst 8-2 ..... J Fanning (5) 4
7 3-26 RUN MILADY 24 M Johnston 8-1 ..... R P Elliott 8
8 4308 TOP-ANNA 7 J S Wilson 7-12 ..... E Johnson 7

11-4 Golden Gunner, 3-1 Crimson Cloud, 4-1 Chiefs Babu, 11-2 Roberty Lea, 8-1 Run Milady, 10-1 Top-Anna, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Burchell, 4 winners from 18 runners, 22.2%; B Hanbury, 6 from 32, 18.8%; J Glover, 5 from 27, 18.5%; C Tinkler, 22 from 122, 17.1%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M Tompkins, 14 from 89, 15.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Fanning, 5 winners from 25 rides, 20.0%; Dean McKeown, 33 from 192, 17.2%; S D Williams, 3 from 21, 14.3%; J Carroll, 25 from 186, 14.0%; G Carter, 8 from 58, 13.8%; K Darley, 44 from 340, 12.9%.

3.45 COATBRIDGE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,586: 5f) (8)

1 8 FYLDE FLYER 18 J Berry 8-13 ..... J Carroll 7
2 INVISIBLE ARMOUR J S Wilson 8-12 ..... E Johnson 5
3 42 DANNY KANE 11 C Tinkler 8-10 ..... M Birch 6
4 O'DONNELL'S FOLLY J S Wilson 8-6 ..... J Lowe 1
5 0 EUROTWIST 9 T Barron 8-5 ..... Alex Greaves (3) 2
6 9 THE DANDY DON 23 Denys Smith 8-5 ..... J Bleasdale 4
7 080 CHILL WIND 14 N Bycroft 8-5 ..... S Webster 3
8 2 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 13 M Ryan 8-0 ..... G Carter 8

6-4 Truthful Image, 15-8 Danny Kane, 5-1 Eurotwist, 15-2 Fylde Flyer, 12-1 Chill Wind, 20-1 others.

4.15 AIRDRIE HANDICAP (£2,759: 6f) (12)

1 -334 CRAIL HARBOUR 2 (C,D,BF,G) P Haslam 5-9-10 ..... J Fanning (5) 9
2 0-21 FOREVER DIAMONDS 11 (F,S) J S Wilson 4-9-7 J Lowe 4
3 0400 DENSBEN 18 (C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-9-7 ..... L Charnock 2
4 -128 CROSS MAGS 11 (F) T Barron 4-9-7 ..... K Darley 3
5 -302 SET THE STANDARDS 10 (S) J Berry 3-9-1 ..... J Carroll 9
6 0000 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 2 (S,CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 8-8-12 ..... A Tucker (5) 1
7 -302 BINGO BONGO 21 D Burchell 4-8-8 ..... K Fallon 10
8 0-04 THE RIGHT TIME 7 (S,CD,F,S) J Berry 5-8-5 ..... S Webster 11
9 0-00 FILICAIA 16 (V,D,F,G) E Incisa 5-8-5 ..... Kim Tinkler 5
10 0002 ANOTHER MARCH 7 (S,D,G) T Barron 5-8-1 ..... V Halliday (7) 7
11 00-8 BLADE OF FORTUNE 17 F Lee 3-7-12 ..... P Hill 8
12 0000 DARUSSALAM 24 (S,CD,F) T Craig 4-7-8 ..... P Burke 12

4-1 Forever Diamonds, 9-2 Set The Standards, 5-1 Crail Harbour, 6-1 Densben, 8-1 Cross Mags, 10-1 Bingo Bongo, 12-1 others.

4.45 BELLSHILL CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,759: 1m 40yd) (11)

1 60-4 AYR CLASSIC 32 (G,S) J S Wilson 8-8 Dean McKeown 3
2 000- DUST D'THRONE 191 Miss L Siddall 8-9 ..... D Nicholls 1
3 0-00 VALLEY OF TIME 7 P Monteith 8-9 ..... J Fanning (5) 10
4 1413 LAUREL QUEEN 14 (F,G) J Berry 8-4 ..... J Carroll 5
5 31-2 STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 136 (D,BF,F,S) T Barron 8-4 ..... Alex Greaves (3) 2
6 ALKABAR Miss L Siddall 8-3 ..... K Fallon 9
7 00-4 BARELY BLACK 10 J Haldane 8-3 ..... K Darley 8
8 00 AUNTIE NELLIE 33 C Tinkler 8-2 ..... NON-RUNNER 7
9 DOUBLE MERIT (S) F Lee 8-2 ..... P Hill 4
10 600P ANGEL TRAIN 27 (B,F,G) J Parlane 7-13 ..... J Lowe 6
11 0-00 JEMPAT 14 E Incisa 7-13 ..... Kim Tinkler 11

9-4 Stairway To Heaven, 3-1 Ayr Classic, 9-2 Laurel Queen, 6-1 Double Merit, 8-1 Barely Black, 12-1 Valley Of Time, 14-1 others.

5.15 EAST KILBRIDE HANDICAP
(£2,651: 1m 40yd) (9)

1 5200 DOULAB'S IMAGE 16 (B,D) J Glover 4-10-0 ..... S D Williams (7) 9
2 00-3 ROBERT DEAR 12 (D,F) M Tompkins 5-9-12 ..... C Hodgson (5) 6
3 4-03 LADY VIOLET 11 E Incisa 4-8-8 ..... Kim Tinkler 5
4 -030 HICKORY WIND 5J (F) Denys Smith 4-8-3 L Charnock 8
5 0-05 DUNBRECK 10 (S) J S Wilson 4-8-3 ..... J Lowe 7
6 -400 GOLDEN DELLA 14J (CD,D) Mrs Barbara Waring 4-8-1 ..... K Darley 4
7 6228 PRINCESS ROXANNE 13 (S) A Bailey 4-8-17 ..... A Tucker (5) 3
8 0211 BLUE GRIT 10 (B,D,F) M Dods 5-8-5 Alex Greaves (3) 2
9 300- MARIAN EVANS 153 T Craig 4-8-5 ..... J Fanning (5) 1

9-4 Blue Grit, 7-2 Princess Roxanne, 4-1 Robert Dear, 13-2 Doulab's Image, 8-1 Lady Violet, 12-1 Hickory Wind, 14-1 others.

☐ Stuart Webster was suspended for two days (May 27-28) for improper use of the whip on Blunham Express, half-length runner-up to Greetland Folly in the Luddon Construction Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Hamilton on Saturday night.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Newbury

2.00 1, Dr Devious (14-1); 2, Dilum (11-4); 3, Hamilton (33-1). 18 ran. Mubaheli 2-1 fav.

2.35 1, Lipac West (4-1 fav); 2, In Pursuit (14-1); 3, Castle Courageous (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Dr Mascarter.

3.10 1, Sharpe (8-11 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Sardagna (6-1); 3, Haisel (4-1). 8 ran.

3.45 1, Luna Bid (13-2); 2, Zanoni (11-1); 3, Pleasant Exhibit (8-1). Finjan 7-4 fav. 13 ran.

4.20 1, La Sky (14-1); 2, Helen's Bower (6-1); 3, Lodmaster (7-2). River Patrol 5-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Dormers Delight, Wily Trick.

4.55 1, Sir Bancroft (14-1); 2, Paper Dart (3-1 fav); 3, Danzarin (33-1); 4, Year Of The Dragon (9-1). 18 ran.

Thirsk

2.15 1, Nissi (1-2 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Canticle (16-1); 3, TV Pitch (7-1). 9 ran. Playful Juliet (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

2.45 1, Ravecino (25-1); 2, Mural Beco (6-1); 3, Ahura (11-4 jt-fav). Rockange 11-4 jt-fav. 12 ran.

3.20 1, Starlight Flyer (6-1); 2, Causley (6-1); 3, Coconut Sundown (14-1). Jalmusique 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Young Jason.

3.55 1, Victoria Road (2-1 fav); 2, Alfarsen's Mate (12-1); 3, Arabian King (11-2). 9 ran.

4.30 1, Premier Touch (10-1); 2, Quatre Femme (16-1); 3, She's Smart (16-1). Norlaitov 6-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Ankara's Princess.

5.00 1, Trattoria (13-2); 2, Stormswept (Evens fav); 3, Never Late (11-2). 10 ran. NR: Dancott Gold.

5.30 1, Parliament Piece (7-1); 2, Duckington (4-1); 3, Cestrial Dazzler (9-4 fav). 11 ran.

Bangor

11.45 1, Change Wear (10-1); 2, Tropical Mist (11-2); 3, Charlotte's Oliver (33-1); 4, Paseo Al'Era (8-1). Outlaw 15-8 fav. 17 ran.

12.15 1, Warleggan (11-10 fav); 2, In Hand (25-1); 3, Le Garcon D'Or (12-1). 14 ran.

12.45 1, Cobo Bay (11-8 fav); 2, Wake Up (7-4); 3, Shrewd John (20-1). 14 ran.

1.15 1, Tri Folene (4-6 fav); 2, Gentleman's Jig (12-1); 3, Tokyo Joe (66-1). 7 ran.

1.45 1, Ocean Lad (9-1); 2, Astrabee (8-1); 3, Kerrys Commander (10-1). Nadlad 7-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Moyas Girl.

2.15 1, Mr Quick (5-4); 2, Clever Folly (4-5 fav); 3, Downhill Run (10-1). 3 ran.

2.45 1, Stay Awake (11-4 fav); 2, First Crack (13-2); 3, Valtaki (5-1). 11 ran.

Lingfield Park

6.10 1, Poterium (2-1 fav); 2, Talent (14-1); 3, Planning Ahead (16-1). 9 ran. NR: Cloverzoll.

6.40 1, Unanimous (5-1); 2, Satanic Dance (8-1); 3, Seafend (11-10 fav). 8 ran. NR: Absolutely Right.

7.10 1, Surrey Dancer (7-2); 2, Bold Resolution (12-1); 3, Hold Court (20-1). Meshhor John 3-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Brunswick Blue.

7.40 1, Springs Welcome (8-1); 2, Muirfield Village (14-1); 3, Timid (2-1 fav). 13 ran. NR: Joleen Patch, Love To Dance, Infab.

8.10 1, Mystery Cargo (10-1); 2, Factuelle (8-1); 3, Village Pet (33-1). Running Glimpse 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Henry William.

8.40 1, Fenton Lace (9-1); 2, Bayonne (20-21 fav); 3, Sassy Lassy (5-1). 12 ran.

Southwell

6.15 1, Lady Of Mann (Evens fav); 2, Toshiba Comet Star (16-1); 3, Honey Snuglit (11-4). 9 ran.

6.45 1, Calway Ann (11-1); 2 Saint Navarro (7-2 fav); 3, Greetland Rock (8-1). 16 ran.

7.15 1, Top Villain (4-1 fav); 2, Bedouin Prince (5-2); 3, Quadhair Blazer (12-1). 12 ran.

7.45 1, Supreme Choice (13-8 jt-fav); 2, Shining Wood (13-2); 3, Struggle (33-1). Formal Occasion 13-8 jt-fav. 11 ran.

8.15 1, Saltyng (6-1); 2, Bastle Song (5-2 fav); 3, Midnight Saga (4-1). 14 ran.

Hamilton Park

8.45 1, Hecklorth (12-1); 2, Denrab (12-1); 3, King Ferdinand (9-4 fav). 14 ran. NR: Krisfield.

Hamilton Park

8.45 1, Helenside (14-1); 2, Orstel Flyer (11-1); 3, Royal Resort (15-2). Tongue Tied 3-1 fav. 14 ran

7.15 1, Greetland Folly (10-1); 2, Blunham Express (3-1); 3, Debsy Do (8-1). So Refined 7-4 fav. 7 ran.

7.45 1, Pretonic (7-2); 2, Revel (33-1); 3, Bold Coolde (Evens fav). 7 ran.

8.15 1, Scotty Tern (20-1); 2, Sky Cat (7-2 fav); 3, Bell Turret (11-2); 4, Norquay (10-1). 18 ran.

8.45 1, Valatch (8-1); 2, Chlarine (12-1); 3, Running Shadow (9-4). Jesthgaye 6-4 fav. 5 ran.

9.15 1, Cruise Party (4-1); 2, Merchant Of Venice (12-1); 3, Easy Over (7-2 jt-fav). Demokos 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran.

Warwick

6.20 1, Alford (F Scudamore, 7-4 fav); 2, Rosen's Affair (66-1); 3, Intuition (7-2). 13 ran.

6.50 1, J-J-Henry (Mrs A Farrell, 5-4 fav); 2, Focus On Foster (25-1); 3, Best Thyme (25-1). 5 ran. NR: Rectory Boy, Kemptot.

7.20 1, Ross Venture (N Williamson, 6-4 fav); 2, Cleaning Up (11-1); 3, Annie De Pomme (50-1). 10 ran.

7.50 1, Tom Clapton (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Redgrave Girl (5-1); 3, Peace King (9-4 jt-fav). 5 ran.

8.20 1, Willy Waggtail (5-2 fav); 2, Picks Pinta (5-1); 3, Sunset Vine (6-1). 12 ran.

8.50 1, Maylair Mimic (7-4); 2, Wicket (16-1); 3, Tekemethere (8-11 fav). 10 ran. NR: Short Measure.

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LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Ran	Amt won	Level stakes
J Berry	47	27	32	1	+£22.62	-27.81
C Brittain	24	17	11	4	-18.66	-60.42
T Barron	20	24	17	0	+£12.73	-55.62
B Hills	18	16	15	0	+£3.48	-75.62
H Cecil	17	12	10	0	-7.67	-30.08
J Gosden	17	10	13	0	-6.65	-3.63
P Cole	16	6	14	0	-21.80	+82.23
M Stoute	15	9	9	5	-16.91	-36.28
M Bell	15	13	10	3	+2.88	-42.95
Mrs J Ramsden	14	8	5	1	-31.23	-7.83

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Rides	Level stakes
W Carson	31	17	21	10	-27.81
D McKeown	31	17	24	5	-60.42
M Roberts	31	20	19	4	-55.62
Pat Eddery	30	31	13	2	-75.62
J Carroll	26	20	18	7	-30.08
J Williams	26	26	16	1	+3.63
Alex Greaves	25	24	21	8	+82.23
A Munro	24	23	18	5	-36.28
T Quinn	22	13	20	6	-42.95
S Cauthen	21	20	16	8	-7.83

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MANDARIN
2.30 Coochie.
2.30 Bye Bye Baby.
3.00 Saint Systems.
3.30 Masaawm.
4.00 Komombo.
4.30 Milne's Way.

THUNDERER
2.00 Duty Sergeant.
2.30 Bye Bye Baby.
3.00 Calvanne Miss.
3.30 Shades Of Jade.
4.00 Northern Trial.
4.30 Mariolino.

MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Golden Proposal.

GOING: FIRM

DRAW: 5F-1M 8YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

SIS

2.00 PULTENEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,076: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (1) MYSTICAL DANCER (Mrs F Cooney and Mrs A Turner) R Hannon 8-6 R Perham (5) —
2 (7) 0 PETER WHIMSEY 18 (V) (P Newell) M McCormack 8-4 ..... A Clark 82
3 (2) MUMMYS VALENTINE (Ten of Hearts) P Makin 8-2 ..... T Sprake (5) —
4 (5) 30 TENDER MONARCH 21 (J Forsyth) P Bevan 8-2 ..... G Baxter 82
5 (3) BLACK MOSS (Mrs J Brown) D Haydn Jones 8-0 ..... D Biggs (5) —
6 (6) 40 CRECHE 27 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-0 ..... J Marshall (7) 85
7 (8) 2 DUTY SERGEANT 27 (W Mann) M Muggeridge 8-0 ..... A Munro ● 99
8 (10) MOTOVSKI (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 8-0 ..... R Hills —
9 (13) RED RUFFIAN (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 8-0 ..... N Adams —
10 (14) WILD HONOUR (Mrs C Hain) W Muir 8-0 ..... S Whitworth —
11 (11) CLOUDY AXE (R Barber) R Hodges 7-9 ..... T Williams —
12 (9) COOCHIE (I Balding) I Balding 7-9 ..... S O'Gorman (3) —
13 (4) EARLY MORNING LADY (T Vickers) M Fetherston-Godley 7-9 ..... Dale Gibson —
14 (16) FRENI (T Barker) M Usher 7-9 ..... R Price (5) —
15 (15) GOLDEN PROPOSAL (Vintage Racing) M Bell 7-9 ..... A Mackay —
16 (12) NUDGE THE FUDGE (D Smith) D Murray Smith 7-9 ..... N Carlisle —

BETTING: 2-1 Duty Sergeant, 7-2 Coochie, 9-2 Creche, 8-1 Tender Monarch, 8-1 Motovski, 10-1 Golden Proposal, Mystical Dancer, 12-1 Muumye Valentine, 14-1 Nudge The Fudge, 16-1 others.

1990: LUCKY MANLEY 8-10 Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) J Berry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETER WHIMSEY 7th of 9 beaten over 1014l by My Jersey Pearl (rec 5lb) at Salisbury (5f, good). TENDER MONARCH on penultimate outing was 3rd beaten 5l by Paris House (gave 3lb) at Pontefract (5f, good).

CRECHE 7th of 15 beaten over 5l by Mylindotmusic (rec 5lb) with DUTY SERGEANT (levels) 2nd beaten 1½l at Kempton (5f, good). Selection: TENDER MONARCH

2.30 MONKTON FARLEIGH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,850: 1m 5f 12yd) (10 runners)

1 (6) 0-03020 BYE BYE BABY 7 (R Langton) S Dow 9-7 ..... M Jarvey (7) 90
2 (3) 600-06 BRANDON PRINCE 21 (R Michaelson) I Balding 9-6 ..... S O'Gorman (3) 85
3 (2) 066-4 SO DISCREET 20 (N Browne) J Hills 9-3 ..... R Hills 91
4 (9) 30-05 HIGH GRADE 9 (V) (F Salman) P Cole 9-3 ..... A Munro 97
5 (10) 060- THE LAST EMPRESS 209 (Mrs J Lewis) P Cole 8-13 ..... G Baxter 85
6 (5) 020-600 RUSTIMAN 12 (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 8-

Cowans leads the Middlesex resistance to an impressive West Indies batting display at Lord's

Simmons in first-class form

By RICHARD STREETON

LORD'S (second day of three): The West Indians, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 79 runs ahead of Middlesex

SCINTILLATING strokeplay by Phil Simmons, who made his second hundred in three first-class innings on the tour, provided the highlight yesterday as the West Indians continued their preparations for the one-day Texaco Trophy internationals later this week. Simmons drove, pulled and square cut with consistent power and timing as the touring team confidently gathered runs.

On an overcast day, the only uncharacteristic batting came from Greenidge. He clearly set his stall out to play a long innings and took 80 balls to reach double figures.

Greenidge never looked in the slightest difficulty, but had batted for more than two-and-a-quarter hours when he was out in the first over after lunch. He drove crisply against Williams and the fast bowler took a good return catch, low and right-handed as he followed through.

Whatever Greenidge's thinking was, some credit must also be given to Cowans for keeping the experienced opening batsman so subdued. Since the England B tour to Sri Lanka in 1985-6, Cowans has seldom been mentioned in terms of representative selection.

He remains capable of sustained control, bowls fewer no-balls than most and on this occasion began with ten overs that only cost ten runs. When he returned to bowl in early afternoon, he tempted Richardson to flash loosely outside the off stump and Downton took a low catch.

Simmons and Hooper dutifully entered upon a brief period of entreachment before they began to cut loose with the most attractive stand of the day. Brown, at square leg, made a brave attempt to reach a mistimed hook by Hooper when he had scored ten, but otherwise it was chanceless batting.

Simmons had hit 19 fours when he reached 101 out of 158 in the 56th over. In the same over, by Williams, he was missed by Brown at second slip. The third-wicket pair had added 99 in 20 overs when Simmons finally lifted a catch to long-on against Emburey. He had only just on-driven the spin bowler for six, and he finished with 22 fours in hs innings off 188 balls.

Middlesex gained an unexpected success after tea when Hutchinson bowled for the first time in his county career and dismissed Hooper with his second ball. Hooper turned a ball of gentle medium pace straight to Gatting at square-leg. Gatting retired in the middle of an over with a strained left hamstring soon afterwards.

Marshall helped the West Indians into the lead in the 84th over before he drove a catch to cover. Logie batted in his customary, calm manner through 34 overs before he was deceived by Emburey's flight and gave a return catch.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Down and not out: Brown misses a catch during Simmons's hundred yesterday

Magnificence of Moody seals Worcester's win

By JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) bt Northamptonshire by 27 runs

IN SPITE of a brave attempt by Northamptonshire to keep themselves in the hunt, they were always striving to escape the shadow cast by Worcestershire's Moody. His century, made from just 80 balls, carried his team along at such a pace and in such rampaging style that it was difficult to imagine anything upsetting Worcestershire after that.

In fact, Penberthy's undefeated 41 carried his team to within striking distance after Felton and the belligerent Thomas had made the running. But Illingworth's five for 49, coupled with Radford's early wickets, saw Worcestershire home.

This was Moody's third century in four Sunday outings. He and Curtis had settled in quietly, the first five overs yielding fewer than three runs each. The next ten saw 74 scored, the bulk of them by Moody, who unfurled his strokes all round the wicket.

The onslaught had reached its zenith — 50 runs had just come from the last four overs shared by Capel and Thomas — when young Roberts was called on to purvey his leg-breaks. The move proved to be inspired, for not only did Moody have to wait for the ball in the air, instead of hitting straight through it, but a ball which beat him saw Curtis run out as he went for the leg bye.

By now, though, the opening partnership was worth 152, there were 18 overs remaining and it seemed that to all intents and purposes the match was beyond the reach of Northamptonshire.

Moody duly went to his century, which included 12 fours and two sixes, before being caught in the deep. Hick accumulated steadily for his 47. Botham had his stumps rudely despatched early by a Thomas inswinger. But Moody's magnificence had seen to it.

Warner batters Derby's attack

By PETER BALL

DERBY (Derbyshire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 63 runs

LANCASHIRE welcomed back their captain, David Hughes, for his first game of the season in fitting style. With Fairbrother again absent through injury, and doubtful for this week's one-day internationals, Mike Watkinson led the way with his best Sunday league score, hitting 82 off 57 balls as Lancashire's 276 surpassed their county record, set only a year ago, by eight runs.

Yet Lancashire could hardly have had a worse start, Mendis departing without a run on the board, groping forward to a beauty from Mortensen which left him. In their contrasting ways, Fowler and Atherton repaired the damage with a stand of 95 in 18 overs.

Fowler was the dominant partner. He has begun his benefit season in fine form, and went for his shots with a flourish.

His 50 came up from 48 balls before he was yorked by Malcolm. The respite for Derbyshire was brief, for when Atherton chipped Base to deep square leg and Watkinson arrived, their attack was battered unmercifully.

Warner was a particular victim, as Watkinson launched into his onslaught, driving fiercely and savaging anything short. After depositing Warner over square leg, he survived a chance to Jean-Jacques on 22.

It was a costly miss. His 50 came off 33 balls, and he was in full cry for his century when he swung at Jean-Jacques to end an innings of nine fours and two sixes. Wasim, De Freitas and Hegg saw Lancashire past their previous Sunday best.

It was beyond Derby, although Bowler and Adams, who claimed his own personal best, both batted pleasingly, while Austin made it a day for records with five for 56.

Malik joins renowned list

By IVO TENNANT

ESSEX have a deserved reputation for choosing their overseas players wisely. Think of Lee Irvine, Keith Boyce, Ken McEwan, Allan Border and Mark Waugh. To those renowned names, consistent cricketers all, can be added Salim Malik. On Saturday, playing in his third county championship match, he made 173 against Kent.

"I wanted to score a double-century to show that I can play," he said. No one would have doubted that anyway. Assisted by Hussain, who made 72, and Garnham, 57, Salim steered — or rather, stroked — Essex to a 199-run lead.

Nothing else on the third day of this third round of four-day championship matches matched that. Indeed, no one else scored a century. There were, though, five wickets for Donald, which should ensure Warwickshire of victory today. They need 63 runs to beat Glamorgan with nine wickets left.

Other matches are not so clear-cut. At Old Trafford, Derbyshire are still in the midst of their first innings against Lancashire. Azharuddin in his first championship innings for the county made a half-century. Yorkshire's match with Nottinghamshire has likewise been affected by the weather and some connivance will be needed on the part of the captains.

Rain also may have spoiled Northamptonshire's match with Leicestershire, though Bailey, Northamptonshire's acting captain, has done his best to ensure it has not. Here, his declaration was made in arrears.

At Hove, they know nothing other than runs at the moment. Sussex, given a start of 157 by Smith and Hall, declared 111 behind Hampshire in the hope of being left a target today. Terry and Chris Smith have already put on 54 for the first wicket in Hampshire's second innings: anyone else will again be lucky to get to the crease.

Andrew progresses

By IVO TENNANT

WHATEVER the misgivings over the refusal of the first-class counties to alter the format of the Refuge Assurance League, there are some compensations to be found in the 40-over game. One such occurred at Folkestone yesterday, where Kent and Essex, Gooch and all, tied.

Needing 184 to win, Essex had lost eight wickets by the start of the last over, from which they needed seven to win. Topley and Andrew reduced this to three off the final ball, bowled by Merrick. Andrew, whose highest score in this competition before this season was five, drove it to long-off, but could collect only two. His sole satisfaction was that he finished with six. All this after Gooch had gone for a duck and Essex had slumped to 93 for five. For Kent, Fleming struck his first half-century.

At Bournemouth, Tavaré, Somerset's captain, struck 75 against Hampshire, sufficient to give his side their fourth successive victory in the league. His patient innings, which included 11 fours, brought about their seven-wicket win with an over to spare. Hampshire mustered only 146 for six, Chris Smith making 47.

Glamorgan were beaten for the fifth successive Sunday — this time by Warwickshire. At Grace Road, Leicestershire beat Yorkshire by seven runs.

RUGBY UNION

Under-21 side seeks advance in Dunkirk

Netherlands 18
England Under-21 20

From DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
's HERTOGENBOSCH

ENGLAND Under-21 will travel to Dunkirk on Wednesday for their encounter with the French Armed Services, warmed by their victory over the senior Netherlands XV at the De Vliert stadium here on Saturday but warned, too, by the proximity of defeat in a game they controlled for 70 of the 80 minutes.

They won by two tries and four penalty goals to two goals, a penalty and a dropped goal but their mentors, the forwards, were drained by the effort of scrummaging against senior players. No more than four of the visiting side occupy places in the upper echelons of English club rugby and they were nearly caught by fatigue which assisted the Dutch rally in the last five minutes when they scored their two tries.

None the less, England's organisation, in limited time, did them proud. They dominated the lineout for all but the final quarter, Richard West's 6ft 8in proving a significant factor. Sims, the other lock, had an excellent all-round match, and Matthews, who is maturing a stand-off. Sims not only worked well at the lineout, but he and Pearson covered the field.

England led 13-3 at the interval, Swindells chipping over three penalties and Wills stealing away from a ruck to make forty metres to the corner. The Netherlands, beaten 24-3 in this fixture a year ago, kept in touch with Hengeveld's dropped goal and Michelsen's penalty, but an excellent try by McKenzie, after Matthews had looped Boyle, looked to have given England control. So it had but not by much, as Kummer and Broers showed.

SCORERS: Netherlands: Tries: Kummer, Broers. Conversions: Michelsen (2). Penalty: Michelsen. Dropped goal: Hengeveld. England Under-21: Tries: Wills, McKenzie. Penalties: Swindells (4).
NETHERLANDS: B Wisse (DKK Leiden); J van Esseveld (Eemland), S Hadinegoro (The Hague), P Hengeveld (Amstelveen), K Sanchez (The Hague); M Michelsen (DKK Leiden), M Eman (The Hague); M Tellroot (Hilversum), M Visser (Hilversum, captain), S de Wiss (Amsterdam Athletic), R Broers, M van Loon, E-J Berendsen, Y Kummer (DKK Leiden), W van Altena (Hilversum).
ENGLAND UNDER-21: S Swindells (Manchester); S Wills (Leicester), P Flood (Bridgend), L Boyle (Moseley), L McKenzie (Coventry); N Matthews (Gloucester), G Simpkins (Bedford); A Jackson (West Hartlepool), R Cockerill (Coventry), W Bullock (Coventry), J Pearson (Bristol), R West (Ladbury), D Sims (Gloucester), G Adams (Bath, captain), S Olomon (Bath).
Referee: D Leslie (Scotland).

☐ London, the divisional champions, opened their tour of Australia by beating Western Australia 31-9 at the Perry Lakes stadium, Perth, yesterday.

Scotland finish in style

United States 12
Scotland 41

From ALAN LORIMER
IN HARTFORD

SCOTLAND achieved their fourth win by defeating United States at the Dillon stadium, Hartford, on Saturday to remain unbeaten on their North American tour.

It was only in the last quarter that the touring team was able to play its rucking game with any degree of effectiveness. Chalmers grubber-kicked to create the first try for Tony Stanger and in the closing minutes it was the stand-off's change of direction that gave Stuart Reid, the Boroughmuir No. 8, his second touchdown.

Doddie Weir confirmed his status as a capped player with some excellent lineout work, but Scotland also profited from the jumping of Andy Macdonald, who scored Scotland's first try from a back row move.

Stanger scored his second try and Mark Moncrieff had a splendid run down the left which led to Macdonald's score.

Peter Dods kicked five penalties for Scotland and Michael De Jong four, for the Eagles, which gave the visitors a 15-12 advantage.

SCORERS: United States: Penalty goals: De Jong (4). Scotland: Tries: Macdonald, Reid (2), Stanger (2). Conversions: Dods (3). Penalty goals: Dods (5).
UNITED STATES: R Nelson (Belmont Shore); R Lewis (Washington), K Higgins (Old Blues), J Burke (Albany Knicks), C Williams (Old Blues); M de Jong (Denver Barbarians), B Daily (San Jose Seahawks); C Lippert (OMBAC), T Flay (Old Puget Sound), N Mottram (Boulder RFC), T Ridnell (Old Puget Sound), K Swords (Beacon Hill), B Leversee (OMBAC), R Farley (Whitemarsh), B Vizard (OMBAC, capt).
SCOTLAND: P Dods (Gala); A Stanger (Hawick), D Wylie (Stewart's-Melville, capt), G Shiel (Melrose), M Moncrieff (Gala); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Oliver (Hawick); D Milne (Heriot's), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), A Watt (Glasgow High-Kelvinside), D Turnbull (Hawick), G Weir (Melrose), A Macdonald (Heriot's), G Marshall (Selkirk), S Reid (Boroughmuir).
Referee: G Gadjovich (Canada).

Ballesteros date

Severiano Ballesteros is to play in the new Scandinavian Masters, the second richest golf tournament in Europe. Ian Woosnam and Craig Stadler have agreed to take part.

Camacho's crown

Hector Camacho avenged the only defeat of his professional boxing career to regain the WBO junior-welterweight title with a split points decision over a fellow-American, Greg Haugen, in Reno, Nevada.

Roe moves out

The Halifax rugby league coach, Peter Roe, has left the club after leading it to promotion to the first division and last week's premiership play-offs.

Grayshon reward

Featherstone Rovers have released their prop forward, Geoff Grayshon, aged 42, the oldest player playing professional rugby league. Grayshon has made 100 first-team appearances since joining Rovers three years ago on a free transfer from Bradford Northern.

Crellin contract

Jim Crellin, the manager of Swinton rugby league club, has agreed a new two-year contract after leading the club into the first division of the Stones Bitter Championship.

Athlete banned

The Nigerian athletics federation has banned the sprinter, Patrick Nwankwo, for life after he was arrested this month for drug-trafficking. Nwankwo, a coach at Mount St Antonio College in California, was arrested at Lagos airport as he boarded a New York bound jet, after swallowing sachets containing heroin.

Fixtures plan is approved

A MOVE to introduce home and away fixtures in the County Championship was approved at the annual meeting of the Senior Clubs Association which was held at Moseley yesterday.

The meeting voted 29-6 in favour of introducing home and away matches for the first, second and third divisions in 12-club leagues in the 1992-3 season. The motion will be put before the Rugby Football Union's competition sub-committee.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glam v Warwicks

SWANSEA: *Warwickshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 62 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 173 (G C Holmes 54, Donald 5 for 38).

Second Innings

*A R Butcher c sub b Booth	12
H Morris lbw b Donald	6
S P James b Donald	14
R J Shastri c Smith b Small	31
G C Holmes lbw b Donald	1
I Smith c Smith b Booth	29
R D B Croft c sub b Munton	31
†C P Metson c Booth b Donald	57
S J Dennis c Small b Booth	3
S L Watkin not out	2
D J Foster b Donald	0
Extras (b 5, lb 7, nb 5)	17
Total	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-29, 3-53, 4-55, 5-84, 6-116, 7-187, 8-200, 9-203.
BOWLING: Donald 14.4-2-36-5, Small 15-5-34-1, Munton 22-8-41-1; Booth 27-5-71-3; Smith 2-0-9-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles st Metson b Croft	55
Asif Din c Butcher b Watkin	15
P A Smith c Metson b Watkin	37
*T A Lloyd c and b Croft	29
D A Reeve c Metson b Foster	1
D P Ostler b Croft	10
†K J Piper c Smith b Croft	21
P A Booth c Metson b Croft	18
G C Small c Holmes b Watkin	31
T A Munton c Smith b Foster	6
A A Donald not out	2
Extras (lb 19, w 3, nb 9)	31
Total (74.4 overs)	256

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-82, 3-135, 4-157, 5-167, 6-171, 7-205, 8-215, 9-241.
BOWLING: Foster 19-2-73-2; Watkin 19.4-7-53-3; Dennis 12-1-49-0; Croft 24.5-6-52-5.

Second Innings

A J Moles not out	23
Asif Din c James b Watkin	29
T A Munton not out	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total (1 wkt)	58

P A Smith, *T A Lloyd, D A Reeve, D P Ostler, †K J Piper, P A Booth, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-54.
Bonus points: Glamorgan 5, Warwickshire 7
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and P B Wight.

Sussex v Hants

HOVE: *Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 165 runs ahead of Sussex*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 461 for 5 wkts dec (V P Terry 171, C L Smith 145, R A Smith 67)

Second Innings

V P Terry not out	28
C L Smith not out	23
Extras (b 3)	3
Total (no wkt)	54

R A Smith, D I Gower, *M C J Nicholas, K D James, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, C A Connor, P J Bakker and Aqib Javed to bat.

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith c Aymes b Bakker	82
J W Hall lbw b Bakker	65
N J Lenham b Connor	35
*A P Wells c R A Smith b Maru	49
K Greenfield c Terry b Connor	1
J A North not out	63
†P Moores b James	16
A C S Pigott c Maru b James	0
I D K Salisbury not out	10
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 2, nb 12)	29
Total (7 wkts dec, 93 overs)	350

A N Jones and E S Giddins did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-157, 2-168, 3-238, 4-242, 5-267, 6-287, 7-287.
BOWLING: Aqib Javed 20-1-79-0; Bakker 21-7-52-2; Connor 18.2-68-2, James 23-5-61-2; Nicholas 8-0-40-0; Maru 8-1-15-1.
Bonus points: Sussex 4, Hampshire 7.
Umpires: H D Bird and R C Tolchard.

Yorks v Notts

HEADINGLEY: *Yorkshire, with all second-innings wickets are 97 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon b Stephenson	2
A A Metcalfe lbw b Stephenson	22
D Byas b Stephenson	4
†R J Blakey lbw b Pick	11
P E Robinson c French b Hemmings	57
S A Kellett lbw b Hemmings	41
P Carrick c Broad b Pick	47
P W Jarvis b Hemmings	31
P J Hartley c French b Stephenson	24
S D Fletcher c Hemmings b Pick	1
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 6, nb 4)	20
Total (85.3 overs)	260

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-17, 3-40, 4-59, 5-137, 6-148, 7-212, 8-254, 9-260
BOWLING: Stephenson 24-3-84-4; Pick 25.3-5-76-3, Evans 20-4-44-0; Hemmings 10-2-37-3; Sexelby 6-4-9-0.

Second Innings

*M D Moxon not out	16
A A Metcalfe not out	28
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (no wkt)	50

D Byas, †R J Blakey, P E Robinson, S A Kellett, P Carrick, P W Jarvis, P J Hartley, S D Fletcher and M A Robinson to bat.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad lbw b Hartley	66
P R Pollard c Kellett b Hartley	2
*R T Robinson c P Robinson b Fletcher	25
P Johnson lbw b Hartley	31
D W Randall not out	37
M Saxelby b Carrick	17
K P Evans not out	7
Extras (lb 7, nb 1)	8
Total (5 wkts dec, 78 overs)	213

F D Stephenson, †B N French, E E Hemmings and R A Pick did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-97, 3-143, 4-146, 5-186.
BOWLING: Jarvis 15-3-37-0, Hartley 14-2-48-3, M A Robinson 17-3-42-0; Carrick 15-6-28-1, Fletcher 15-2-53-1.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 5, Nottinghamshire 6
Umpires: B Leadbeater and J D Bond

Northants v Leics

NORTHAMPTON: *Leicestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs ahead of Northamptonshire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Cook b Thomas	46
*N E Briers b Thomas	8
P N Hepworth lbw b Williams	15
J J Whitaker c Capel b Thomas	33
L Potter c Ripley b Taylor	10
P Willey c Fordham b Thomas	0
C C Lewis lbw b Thomas	12
†P Whitticase c Felton b Taylor	73
L Tennant c Larkins b Taylor	12
D J Millns c Ripley b Williams	14
J N Maguire not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 1)	14
Total (93.4 overs)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-52, 3-112, 4-119, 5-119, 6-135, 7-153, 8-175, 9-240.
BOWLING: Thomas 26.4-6-62-5; Taylor 31.5-7-73-3, Penberthy 4.2-1-10-0; Cook 10-1-28-0; Williams 12.4-3-29-2; Capel 9-2 26-0.

Second Innings

T J Boon lbw b Taylor	20
*N E Briers c Cook b Taylor	2
P N Hepworth lbw b Taylor	23
J J Whitaker not out	30
L Potter not out	3
Extras (lb 4, nb 1)	5
Total (3 wkts)	83

P Willey, C C Lewis, †P Whitticase, L Tennant, J N Maguire and D J Millns to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-42, 3-63.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Lewis	1
W Larkins retired hurt	39
*R J Bailey c Millns b Lewis	7
N A Felton not out	31
D J Capel not out	58
Extras (lb 2, nb 13)	15
Total (2 wkts dec, 30 overs)	151

R G Williams, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J G Thomas, N G B Cook and J P Taylor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-14.
BOWLING: Lewis 8-1-38-2, Millns 10-1-45-0; Maguire 10-1-42-0; Tennant 2-0-24-0.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 5, Leicestershire 2.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Harris.

Lancs v Derbys

OLD TRAFFORD: *Derbyshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 34 runs ahead of Lancashire*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Base b Malcolm	7
G Fowler b Malcolm	10
N J Speak c Bowler b Mortensen	0
M A Atherton b Mortensen	16
G D Lloyd c Barnett b Malcolm	20
Wasim Akram b Base	15
P A J DeFreitas c and b Mortensen	26
†W K Hegg c O'Gorman b Mortensen	13
C Wilkinson not out	19
I D Austin b Warner	12
*P J W Allott c Krikken b Warner	9
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 1, nb 2)	14
Total (52.5 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-12, 3-28, 4-58, 5-74, 6-88, 7-109, 8-125, 9-143.
BOWLING: Mortensen 23-5-46-4; Malcolm 16-2-47-3; Base 10-3-37-1; Warner 3.5-0-20-2.

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Fowler b DeFreitas	15
P D Bowler c Hegg b DeFreitas	1
T J G O'Gorman not out	88
M Azharuddin c Speak b Allott	53
C J Adams b Yates	18
†K M Krikken not out	10
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 4	12
Total (4 wkts, 48.1 overs)	195

J E Morris, A E Warner, S J Base, D E Malcolm and O H Mortensen to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-25, 3-133, 4-162.
Bonus points: Lancashire 2, Derbyshire 5.
Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons.

Kent v Essex

FOLKESTONE: *Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 189 runs behind Essex*

KENT: First Innings 345 (M R Benson 88, T R Ward 141)

Second Innings

*M R Benson not out	0
S G Hinks not out	0
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	0

N R Taylor, T R Ward, G R Cowdrey, R M Ellison, †S A Marsh, R P Davis, C Penn, T A Merrick and A P Igglesden to bat.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch lbw b Merrick	7
J P Stephenson c Marsh b Ellison	45
P J Prichard run out	83
Salim Malik c Cowdrey b Ellison	173
T D Topley run out	37
N Hussain c Igglesden b Ellison	72
D R Pringle lbw b Ellison	5
†M A Garnham c Benson b Igglesden	57
N A Foster c Hinks b Davis	36
J H Childs b Merrick	15
P M Such not out	23
Extras (lb 12, nb 7)	19
Total	544

Score after 100 overs: 301-4
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-78, 3-169, 4-233, 5-363, 6-393, 7-419, 8-492, 9-498.
BOWLING: Merrick 34-8-109-2; Igglesden 37-7-113-1; Penn 25-2-99-0; Ellison 42-8-125-4; Davis 21-5-86-1.
Bonus points: Kent 5, Essex 5.
Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones.

Other match

Camb U v Surrey

FENNER'S: *(Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 255 for five wickets against Cambridge University*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Arscott b Pyman	82
R I Alikhan c Crawley b Pyman	82
D M Ward c Pyman b Lowrey	66
G P Thorpe not out	1
†A Greig c Crawley b Lowrey	0
K T Medlycott c Arscott b Lowrey	2
M A Feltham not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 2)	12
Total (5 wkts)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-125, 2-246, 3-252, 4-252, 5-254
C K Bullen, †N F Sargeant, J Boiling and Waqar Younis to bat.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A M Hooper, R I Citherlow, J P Crawley, *†R J Turner, M J Lowrey, G E Thwaites, J P Arscott, R A Pyman, R M Pearson, D C Cotton and D J Bush.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and H J Rhodes.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Challenge

Middlesex v West Indians

LORD'S (*Middlesex won toss*): *West Indians, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 79 runs ahead of Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

I J F Hutchinson c Williams b Anthony	37
M A Roseberry c Hooper b Patterson	45
*M W Gatting c Anthony b Patterson	8
M R Ramprakash c Anthony b Patterson	38
K R Brown c Richards b Patterson	2
†P R Downton b Walsh	23
J E Emburey c Logie b Anthony	29
N F Williams run out	5
P C R Tufnell not out	14
S R Hughes c Williams b Patterson	5
N G Cowans b Walsh	35
Extra (lb 13, nb 21)	34
Total	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-101, 3-102, 4-108, 5-147, 6-189, 7-210, 8-222, 9-227.
BOWLING: Patterson 20-4-86-5; Marshall 11-1-31-0; Anthony 14.2-59-2; Walsh 15.5-3-63-2; Simmons 4-1-21-0.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

C G Greenidge c and b Williams	28
P V Simmons c Roseberry b Emburey	136
R B Richardson c Downton b Cowans	7
C L Hooper c Gatting b Hutchinson	42
A L Logie c and b Emburey	60
M D Marshall c sub b Hughes	19
†D Williams not out	21
*I V A Richards not out	23
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 9)	20
Total (6 wkts)	354

H A Anthony, C A Walsh and B P Patterson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-111, 3-210, 4-234, 5-265, 6-318.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R Palmer.

Refuge Assurance League

Leics v Yorks

LEICESTER (*Yorkshire won toss*): *Leicestershire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by seven runs*

LEICESTERSHIRE

*N E Briers c Sidebottom b Fletcher	25
†P Whitticase lbw b Sidebottom	24
J J Whitaker b Gough	31
P Willey c Byas b Batty	15
C C Lewis lbw b Hartley	27
L Potter not out	40
B F Smith not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 5)	20
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	203

P N Hepworth, D J Millns, C Wilkinson and J Maguire did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-60, 3-101, 4-120, 5-156.
BOWLING: Sidebottom 8-0-25-1; Hartley 8-1-43-1; Fletcher 7-0-34-1; Robinson 5-0-20-0; Batty 8-0-40-1; Gough 4-0-26-1.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon b Maguire	8
A A Metcalfe c Briers b Lewis	5
D Byas not out	74
P E Robinson lbw b Millns	2
†C A Chapman lbw b Wilkinson	2
A Sidebottom b Wilkinson	10
P J Hartley c Whitticase b Maguire	2
D Gough not out	72
Extras (lb 8, w 11, nb 1)	21
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	186

J D Batty, S D Fletcher and M A Robinson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-22, 3-28, 4-39, 5-65, 6-67.
BOWLING: Lewis 8-0-46-1; Maguire 8-0-46-2; Millns 8-1-38-1; Wilkinson 8-0-31-2; Willey 8-1-26-0.
Umpires: R Julian and D R Shepherd.

Hants v Somerset

BOURNEMOUTH (*Somerset won toss*): *Somerset (4pts) beat Hampshire by seven wickets*

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry lbw b Mallender	8
C L Smith c Burns b Hayhurst	47
R A Smith b Lefebvre	1
D I Gower c Tavaré b MacLeay	8
*M C J Nicholas c Burns b Rose	43
K D James c Cook b Mallender	16
†A N Aymes not out	18
S D Udal not out	4
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	149

C A Connor, P J Bakker and Aqib Javed did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-15, 3-45, 4-81, 5-114, 6-137.
BOWLING: Mallender 8-0-21-2; Lefebvre 8-1-35-1; MacLeay 8-1-16-1; Rose 8-0-31-1; Hayhurst 8-0-44-1.

SOMERSET

S J Cook c Aymes b Udal	43
R J Bartlett c Aymes b James	6
*C J Tavaré not out	75
R J Harden c Aymes b Javed	5
G D Rose not out	11
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 1)	13
Total (3 wkts, 39 overs)	153

A N Hayhurst, P M Roebuck, †N D Burns, K H MacLeay, R Lefebvre and N A Mallender did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-82, 3-102.
BOWLING: Javed 8-1-20-1; Bakker 8-1-21-0; Connor 8-0-31-0; James 7-0-43-1; Udal 8-0-33-1.
Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

Glam v Warwicks

SWANSEA (*Glamorgan won toss*): *Warwickshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by 13 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles not out	93
Asif Din c Shastri b Frost	48
G J Gresen c Morris b Frost	2
P A Smith c Metson b Barwick	0
*D A Reeve c Metson b Frost	2
D P Ostler c Dennis b Barwick	55
†K J Piper not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 3)	13
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	211

A R K Pierson, G C Small, A A Donald and T A Munton to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-100, 3-100, 4-104, 5-209.
BOWLING: Watkin 8-0-27-0; Frost 8-0-42-3; Dale 4-0-12-0; Dennis 8-0-48-0; Shastri 4-0-21-0; Barwick 8-0-53-2.

GLAMORGAN

*A R Butcher c Ostler b Munton	0
H Morris lbw b Small	39
R J Shastri c Asif Din b Small	32
G C Holmes c Piper b Reeve	46
I Smith b Reeve	41
A Dale b Smith	3
†C P Metson not out	12
S J Dennis run out	5
S L Watkin b Smith	0
S R Barwick b Smith	0
M Frost not out	0
Extras (lb 1, lb 8, w 8, nb 2)	19
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-64, 3-79, 4-170, 5-175, 6-177, 7-196, 8-198, 9-198.
BOWLING: Munton 8-1-15-1; Donald 8-0-43-0; Reeve 8-0-45-2; Small 8-1-33-2; Pierson 1-0-11-0; P A Smith 7-1-42-3.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and P B Wight.

Kent v Essex

FOLKESTONE (*Essex won toss*): *Kent (2pts) drew with Essex (2)*

KENT

N R Taylor lbw b Pringle	4
*M R Benson c Stephenson b Topley	43
S G Hinks c Pringle b Such	25
G R Cowdrey c Gooch b Topley	14
N J Llong st Garnham b Such	5
M V Fleming b Gooch	51
†S A Marsh b Andrew	7
R M Ellison not out	15
R P Davis not out	8
Extras (lb 6, w 5)	11
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	183

R M Ellison, A P Igglesden, T A Merrick and R P Davis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-54, 3-76, 4-88, 5-100, 6-142, 7-166.
BOWLING: Andrew 8-1-30-1; Pringle 8-1-41-1; Gooch 8-0-43-1; Such 8-0-22-2; Topley 8-0-41-2.

ESSEX

*G A Gooch b Igglesden	0
J P Stephenson b Ellison	4
Salim Malik c Marsh b Merrick	37
P J Prichard c Cowdrey b Fleming	25
N Hussain c Marsh b Igglesden	48
D R Pringle run out	9
N Shahid c Marsh b Ellison	27
†M A Garnham b Igglesden	14
T D Topley not out	3
S J W Andrew not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 1)	10
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	188

P M Such did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-22, 3-62, 4-80, 5-93, 6-147, 7-163, 8-174.
BOWLING: Igglesden 8-1-34-3; Ellison 8-0-37-2; Merrick 8-0-39-1; Fleming 8-0-40-1; Davis 8-0-24-0.
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GOLF

Pullan ties for share of trophy with Evans

By PATRICIA DAVIES

GARY Evans, of Worthing, retained his share of the Brabazon Trophy, formally the English Open amateur strokeplay championship, at Hunstanton yesterday, when he and Mark Pullan, of Sand Moor, finished tied on 284, four under par.

Evans, aged 22, an England and British international, had rounds of 69 and 70 to make up five shots on Pullan, but the Yorkshireman, 19 years old and not even guaranteed top spot in his own home (his twin brother Stephen has won an England boys' cap), played the last nine holes remarkably calmly to share the title.

He came home in 34, one under par, and it was Evans, who had holed from 12 feet for a birdie three at the last, who was all relief when Pullan's final birdie effort from a little further away remained visible.

Pullan, essentially unheralded despite being the Yorkshire youth champion, led the field by two shots at the start of the day and increased his lead to three with a round of 71, one under par, in the morning. Evans had moved up to second place and did not challenge until late, picking up birdies at the second and fourth holes in the afternoon. He dropped shots at the sixth and seventh but hit two drivers to ten feet at the 508-yard ninth.

Through the turn they were level at three under par, although Pullan had struggled on the fast greens, taking 21 putts, according to one of his supporters. The young Yorkshireman had eight pars coming home with a crucial birdie four at the 15th.

Pullan holed from ten feet for that birdie, which put him four under and gave him back the lead because Evans, whose inconsistency was reflected in a round of six birdies and four bogeys, was dropping a shot at the 17th. The Sussex man proved his worth, however, with his three at the last, dropping his putter and clenching both fists in the air.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 284: G Evans (Worthing) 72, 73, 69, 70; M Pullan (Sand Moor) 71, 69, 71, 73. 286: J Payne (Sandilands) 72, 72, 73, 69. 288: M Stanford (Saltford) 73, 70, 72, 70. 289: C Watts (Hawkstone Park) 73, 74, 72, 70; R Lyall (Southport & Ainsdale) 74, 73, 70, 72. 290: W Bennett (Ruislip) 71, 75, 72, 71; J Cook (Lexington & County) 71, 71, 77, 71. 292: P Wharton (John O'Gaunt) 72, 74, 73, 73; A Sandywell (Astbury) 293: R Wilson (Ealing) 72, 76, 75, 70; S Green (Ashford) 72, 76, 74, 71; T Todd (Langley Park) 73, 73, 76, 71; I Garbutt (Wheatley) 75, 69, 73, 74; P Edwards (Common) 72, 72, 77, 72.

☐ WENVOE Castle won the Welsh women's team championship for the first time with a 3-2 victory against Aberdovey in the final over the Royal St David's links at Harlech on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Wenvoe rallied magnificently in the middle order to secure the three points required for the title, with Tegwen Matthews and Sylvia Webster — both Welsh champions in the 1960s and 1970s — securing points.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Wenvoe Castle bt Whitchurch, 3-2; Aberdovey bt Pennard, 3-2. Final: Wenvoe Castle bt Aberdovey, 3-2.

TENNIS

Sánchez takes Rome from hurt Mancini

ROME (AP) — Emilio Sánchez, of Spain, won the Italian Open and its first prize of $181,000 when a severe groin pull forced Alberto Mancini to retire midway through the third set of the final yesterday.

Sánchez, the tournament's ninth seed, was leading comfortably at 6-3, 6-1, 3-0 when his Argentine adversary gestured he could not continue. Mancini takes home $85,000.

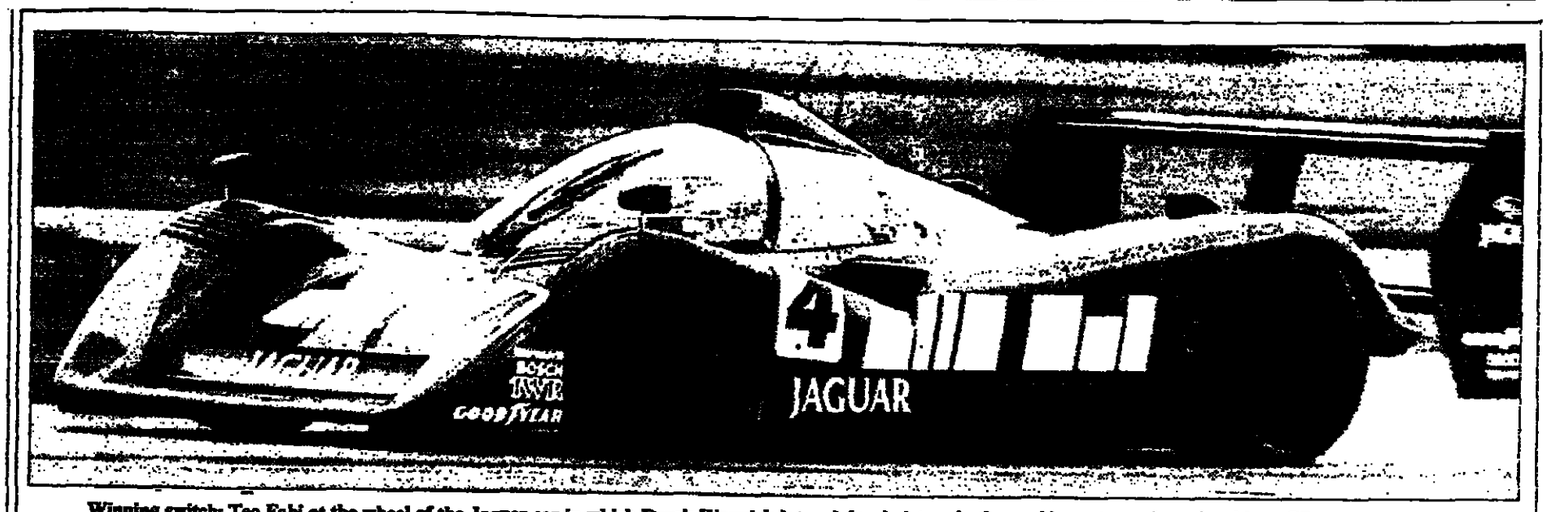
"It started hurting after the first game of the second set," Mancini, the 1989 Italian Open champion, said. "I tried to play through it but it was like playing without my legs."

Mancini had his legs in the first set, getting off to a running start with a service break in the first game of the match, then slamming home a volley winner to hold service and take a 2-0 lead. But Sánchez, who appeared on the brink of being blown off the court, soon found the range of Mancini's stinging topspin shots and barrled back.

"I could see that he wasn't hitting his backhand as hard as he had been," Sánchez, who did not lose a set in his six Rome matches, said. "But I didn't think it was so serious."

Fading, Mancini double-faulted on break points in games three and five, and stood flat-footed while Sánchez aced him five times in the 31-minute second set.

☐ BERLIN (AP) — Arantxa Sánchez Vicario defeated Jennifer Capriati 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 at the Lufthansa Open women's tournament yesterday, to join Steffi Graf in the final today.



Winning switch: Teo Fabi at the wheel of the Jaguar car in which Derek Warwick later claimed victory in the world sportscar championship at Silverstone yesterday

No championship points for winner Warwick

By NORMAN HOWELL

DEREK Warwick, driving a Jaguar, yesterday won the fourth round of the sportscar world championship at Silverstone. He was a lap ahead of the second-placed Michael Schumacher in a Mercedes and four laps in front of Martin Brundle, also driving a Jaguar. But a tactical blunder means Warwick will not collect any points in the world championship.

Just after he had accepted the trophy, Warwick was told he had not scored any points because he had finished the race in the car of his team-mate, Teo Fabi. It is permissible (indeed, normal) for drivers to swap cars in sportscar racing, but points can be scored only if a driver is at the wheel of the car he has qualified in, and Warwick qualified in car No. 3.

But it was not a pointless victory for the Jaguar team. Its performance confirmed that the one-two at Monza a fortnight ago was no fluke, and it begins to look like a total domination of the world championship by the cars prepared by the Tom Walkinshaw racing team.

"This will go down as one of the fastest racing cars in history," said Brundle after the race. The Formula One driver, who is retained by Jaguar to be the spare driver for both Warwick and Fabi, was not meant to drive all the way, as points for the drivers' championship can be scored only by Warwick and Fabi, the nominated No. 1 drivers of the two cars.

Brundle, in Warwick's car, had to pull into the pits at the end of the first lap with a broken throttle cable, while Fabi was pulling away from the rest of the field. It took six laps to fit a new cable. By then the decision had been made that Warwick should take over Fabi's car, which after five laps was 22 seconds ahead of Keke Rosberg's Peugeot. Brundle was six laps down when he rejoined the race, still in the car originally intended for Warwick. He then reeled in all his oppponents bar two, Warwick and Schumacher. He even managed the fastest lap.

☐ Gil de Ferran, of Brazil, won the British Formula Three championship at Brands Hatch, despite a late charge by David Coulthard.

HOCKEY

Hounslow labour for play-off spot

From SYDNEY FRISKIN IN THE HAGUE

BRITISH teams had mixed fortunes here in European competition. Glasgow Western qualified for the women's club championship final and Hounslow yesterday emerged from a 3-0 victory over Kothener, of Germany, with a chance of a bronze medal in the play-off today against HGC Wassenaar in the men's event.

Hounslow made heavy weather of their match against the German club, who did well in the first half to restrict them to a 1-0 lead obtained by Robert Thompson in the eleventh minute from a short corner. Thompson's conversion of another short corner, in the 49th minute, was followed three minutes later by the third goal from open play by Gordon three minutes later. Hounslow were deprived of a goal Hacker missed a penalty stroke.

On Saturday, Hounslow paid dearly for defensive errors and lost 3-0 to the German holders, Uhlenhorst, who meet Atletico Terrassa in the men's final.

Glasgow Western had no match yesterday because Andijanka, of the Soviet Union, did not arrive here for the tournament. The Scottish club, however, will have a hard time in the final today against the host club, HGC Wassenaar, whose 1-1 draw with Amsterdam yesterday was enough to earn them their place in the final.

Sutton Coldfield, with 90 seconds left on Saturday, had the women's Cup Winners' Cup snatched from their grasp by Rythm Grodno, of the Soviet Union, after the scores were tied at 1-1 in the final. Hambly gave Sutton the lead from a disputed penalty stroke in the 59th minute but Sedlyar equalised from a short corner in the 69th minute to send the match into a penalty stroke shootout, which the Soviets won 4-3 after a remarkable display by the goalkeeper, Yelena Tabolitch, who saved strokes from Hambly and Sixsmith.

☐ Slough eased their way into the final of the European clubs women's championship B division in Leverkusen, Germany, yesterday with a 3-0 victory over the Italian side, CUS Cantania (Alix Ramsay writes).

Two penalty goals in the first half, from Sue Chandler and Lesley Hobley, gave Slough a comfortable lead, but they saved the best to last when Karen Brown made an excellent solo run from midfield to make it 3-0 after the break.

Following on from a 10-0 drubbing of the Swedish team, If Vindhemspojkarn, and a 3-0 win over Meteor Ceske Budejovice, from Czechoslovakia, Slough have qualified for the final against Bayer Leverkusen as champions of their group and are guaranteed promotion to the A division next season.

Leverkusen ensured their place in the final with a 5-0 win over Swansea after a hard and bruising contest.

☐ Middlesex yesterday won their fourth consecutive county title with a 4-3 defeat of Kent at Plymouth, after trailing 1-0 early on. In the under-21 final Nottinghamshire defeated Kent 2-0.

Results below

IN BRIEF

Silver for Briggs

FOR the third successive year, Karen Briggs, of Britain, the world bantamweight judo champion, was defeated for the European title by Cecile Nowak, of France.

Two other Britons winning silver in Prague were Loretta Cusack (featherweight) and Kate Howey (middleweight).

LACROSSE: The England women defeated Scotland 17-2 to clinch the home international series at High Wycombe.

ICE HOCKEY: Pittsburgh Penguins beat Minnesota North Stars 4-1 to level their best-of-seven Stanley Cup final series at 1-1.

SKIING: Rudolf Nierlich, aged 25, the world giant-slalom champion, has been killed in a car crash in his home town of St Wolfgang, Austria.

ATHLETICS: Elana Meyer, of South Africa, ran a half-marathon at East London in 67min 59sec, improving the women's world best by 32 seconds.

SQUASH RACKETS: Jahangir Khan won his fifth important title since December when he beat Chris Robertson 15-10, 15-10, 15-9 in the Italian Open.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Martin Offiah celebrated his Australian club debut with a try with his first touch of the ball in St George's 30-6 victory over South Sydney.

REAL TENNIS: Charlotte Cornwallis, of Britain, won the Anne Boleyn US women's handicap in New Jersey.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eddy Stibbe, a Dutch-based Briton, beat a top-class field at the Milton Keynes trials on Heyday, his injured wife's mount.

POWERBOATING: Others got lost in the mist, but two naval officers, Rob Andrews and his navigator, Tim Williams, kept on course to win the Swansea Bay UKOBA grand prix.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs claim first prize

Sacramento Surge..... 21
London Monarchs..... 45

From RICHARD WETHERELL IN SACRAMENTO

A DEVASTATING first half, in which the London Monarchs scored 31 points, maintained their unbeaten run in the World League of American Football and — with Frankfurt Galaxy beating Barcelona Dragons 10-3 — earned Monarchs their divisional championship.

Larry Kennan, the Monarchs head coach, thought it was probably their best half of the season, while his counterpart, Kay Stephenson, said the Monarchs were the best team Sacramento had played.

Monarchs scored touchdowns on their first two possessions of the game. Jon Horton, who finished with 196 yards, caught a 30-yard pass from Stan Gelbaugh. After a Ken Sale interception, Geoff Alexander scored the first of his three touchdowns on the next play, running in almost unopposed from 40 yards.

In the second quarter, the pattern continued. Alexander finished off a seven-play, 24-yard drive from one yard, Phil Alexander kicked a 25-yard field goal and Dedrick Dodge intercepted a pass and ran in from 60 yards, his second touchdown interception in two games.

Sacramento drew back to 31-7 with a touchdown at the end of the first half, but at the start of the third quarter, Gelbaugh, who persuaded Kennan he was fit to play despite a shoulder injury sustained last week only in the morning of the game, guided the Monarchs 76 yards in 2min 12sec. The drive featured three passes to Andre Riley and one to Judd Garrett, all for first downs, and Alexander finished it off with a three-yard run. It was his eighth touchdown in the last four games.

Gelbaugh, meanwhile, finished with 325 passing yards, one touchdown and no interceptions, keeping him on course to be the No. 1 quarterback in the league. The Monarchs defense sacked Elkins and Ellis four times apiece.

The 21 points is the most the Monarchs have conceded, but they were rendered hollow by the startling opening that made the permutations of the play-offs redundant.

SCORERS: Monarchs: Touchdowns: Horton, Jay Alexander (3), Dodge, Brinson. Conversions: P Alexander. Field Goal: P Alexander. Sacramento: Touchdowns: Sumner, Farr, Parker. Conversions: Nies (3).

POLO

Gracida taken to hospital

By JOHN WATSON

LEAGUE matches for the Queen's Cup and the Davidoff-sponsored Prince of Wales trophy (run in tandem) continued over the weekend with a 7-6 win for Tramontana against Guardacre (League 2), an 11-1 win for CS Brooks against Santa Fe (League 3), a 9-7 win for Elleston White against Royal Pehang (League 1) and a 10-5 victory for Alfa Romeo over Cowdray Park.

Probably the most revealing of these trials of strength was the Tramontana-Guardacre duel, at Ambersham, Sussex. Tramontana are patently under-handicapped, Buchanan being a cheap 2, while their player-patron, Embiricos, looks every inch a 4, rather than a 3. When playing in front of his 10-goal number three, the Mexican ace, Carlos Gracida, who himself would doubtless be an 11 if such a handicap were possible. Gracida plays, too, in marvellous empathy with his compatriot number 2, Antonio Herrera. And indeed this squad look like real high-goal champions.

Guardacre, another 22-goal combination, power-based on one Juan Jose Alberdi junior and the all-England captain, Julian Hipwood, proved to be no mean rivals. Yet Tramontana were leading 6-2 in the fourth chukka. Just then, however, Hipwood and Gracida collided; Gracida's pony fell and rolled on him and he was taken to hospital. Owen Rinehart, the American, who had just arrived at Ambersham from the Guards Club was enrolled to substitute for Gracida. Without the mercurial Gracida to compete against Guardacre's Hipwood and Alberdi now set the pace and Tramontana were lucky to escape with a victoryof a one-goal margin.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Sacramento Surge 21, London Monarchs 45.

ATHLETICS

IFFLEY ROAD: University match: Men: 100m: R Ryan (Cambridge), 11.0sec. 200m: Ryan, 22.2. 400m: A Lill (O), 48.7. 800m: S Muggeridge (Oxford), 3:45.4. 5,000m: Muggeridge, 14:42.8. 200m hurdles: G Cruywagen (O), 25.3sec. 400m hurdles: Cruywagen, 55.2. 4 x 100m relay: Cambridge, 42.2. 4 x 400m relay: Cambridge, 3min 18.2sec. Long jump: G David (C), 7.22m. Javelin: A Hatton (O), 61.82m. Match result: Cambridge 120pts, Oxford 103. Women: 100m: E Westlake (O), 12.7sec. 400m: J Latimer (O), 56.2 (equals meeting record). 800m: Latimer, 2min 18.0sec. 1,500m: J Daring (O), 4:21.2 (record). 3,000m: Daring, 9:17.4 (record). 100m hurdles: Westlake, 14.7sec. 4 x 100m relay: Cambridge, 50.0. 4 x 400m relay: Oxford, 3min 57.1sec (record). High jump: Westlake, 1.53m. Long jump: Westlake, 5.76m. Shot: L Bayliss (O), 11.82m (record). Match result: Oxford 95pts, Cambridge 82.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

NINTH ROUND: Geelong 132 (18 goals, 24 behinds), Collingwood 90 (13, 12); Hawthorn 109 (15, 13), Essendon 67 (15, 9); Carlton 93 (13, 15), Richmond 81 (12, 9); Footscray 101 (5, 11), Brisbane 96 (14, 12), North Melbourne 120 (18, 12), Adelaide 118 (18, 10); St Kilda 119 (18, 11), Sydney 113 (16, 17); West Coast 125 (17, 23), Fitzroy 28 (3, 8).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati Reds 7, San Diego Padres 3; Atlanta Braves 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Houston Astros 5, St Louis Cardinals 4; Philadelphia Phillies 1, Chicago Cubs 0; New York Mets 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Montreal Expos 3, San Francisco Giants 0. Saturday: Los Angeles Dodgers 4, New York Mets 3; Montreal Expos 3, San Francisco Giants 1; San Diego Padres 5, Cincinnati Reds 2; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Chicago Cubs 2; St Louis Cardinals 12, Houston Astros 2. Postponed: Atlanta Braves v Pittsburgh Pirates.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Seattle Mariners 1, New York Yankees 0; Baltimore Orioles 5, California Angels 1; Cleveland Indians 11, Oakland A's 6; Minnesota Twins 8, Detroit Tigers 1; Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Kansas City Royals 5; Texas Rangers 6, Boston Red Sox 4. Saturday: Seattle Mariners 4, New York Yankees 1; Minnesota Twins 4, Detroit Tigers 1; Oakland A's 3, Cleveland Indians 0; Toronto Blue Jays 9, Chicago White Sox 2; Kansas City Royals 7, Milwaukee Brewers 4; California Angels 4, Baltimore Orioles 2; Texas Rangers 13, Boston Red Sox 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference: Finals: Los Angeles Lakers 111, Portland Trail Blazers 108 (Lakers lead best-of-seven series, 1-0).

BOWLS

SIMBA HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Kent 122, Buckinghamshire 121; Surrey 120, Middlesex 108.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedfordshire 101, Hertfordshire 148; Cambridgeshire 120, Suffolk 125.

MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE: Northamptonshire 104, Leicestershire; Worcestershire 107, Warwickshire 118.

COUNTY MATCHES: Oxfordshire 88, Gloucestershire 127; Lancashire 118, Nottinghamshire 128; Wiltshire 133, Sussex 121.

BOXING

COPENHAGEN: WBO welterweight championship: Morning Galloway (US, holder) bt Rashood Lawal (Den), rsf 7th rnd.

BURY: Bantamweight: Gary White (Rochdale) bt Neil Parry (Middlesbrough), pts. Light-welter: Jason Bradley (Leeds) drew with Dave Thompson (Hull). Light- middle: Tyrone Eastmond (Oldham) bt Tommy Ward (Middleton), rsc 4th rnd.

RENO, Nevada: WBO junior welterweight championship: Hector "Lalacho" Camacho (US) bt Greg Haugen (US), pts.

SHIZUOKA: WBC straw-weight championship: Ricardo Lopez (Mex) bt Kimio Hirano (Jap), rsf 8th rnd.

BEDUL: WBC flyweight championship: Muangchai Kittikasem (Thai) bt Cheng Jung-koo (S Kor), rsc 12 rnd.

VERRANIA, Italy: IBF super middleweight championship: Darrin Van Horn (US) ko Lindle Holmes (US), 11th rnd.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match

11.0

LORD'S: Middlesex v West Indians.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 102 overs minimum

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.

FOLKESTONE: Kent v Essex.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.

HOVE: Sussex v Hampshire.

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

Other match

11.30 to 6.30

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Surrey.

BAIN CLARKSON SECOND XI TROPHY: Newbury Park: Essex v Kent. Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire. Worthington Simpson: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire. The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex. Coventry: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire.

FOOTBALL

B International

England v Switzerland (at Walsall FC, 7.45)

Barclays League First division

Manchester Utd v Tottenham (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

POLO: Gerald Belding Cup (Cirencester Park): BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (RCBPC, Smiths): Queen's Cup (Guards, Windsor).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League: First division: Wolverhampton v Ipswich. Star Cup: First round, second leg: Reading v Poole. Second division: Gold Cup: Exeter v Peterborough. Nest team championship: Second leg: Newcastle v Edinburgh v Glasgow v Middlesbrough.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Berkhamsted 188-4 dec (N Wolstenholme 100 not out), Abingdon 189-8; *Caterham 217-6, King's, Rochester 152-2 (M Walker 110 not out).

* home teams

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: 20th stage (213km): 1, J Montoya (Sp), 5hr 01min 27sec; 2, I Gaston (Sp); 3, N More (Col); 4, U Bolts (Ger); 5, G de Vries (Neth); 6, J Uzzage (Sp), all same time. 21st stage (170km): 1, F Van Poppel (Neth), 4:45:05; 2, G Palenza (Ita); 3, M Hermans (Neth); 4, U Raab (Ger); 5, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 6, M Elliott (GB), all same time. Final overall positions: 1, M Maut (Sp), 82:48:07; 2, M Indurain (Sp), at 2min 52sec; 3, M Lejarreta (Sp), at 3:11; 4, F Echave (Sp), at 3:54; 5, F Parra (Col), at 5:35; 6, P Ruiz Cabestany (Sp), at 6:50.

TOUR DU PONT: 10th stage (188km): 1, S Bauer (Can), 5hr 16min 26sec; 2, D Phinney (US); 3, R Alding (Ger); 4, S Kelly (Ire); 5, P Anderson (Aus); 6, M Hall (US), all same time. Final overall positions: 1, A Kraiievski (Nor), 49:21:12; 2, E Breukink (Neth), at 50sec; 3, A Grewal (US), at 1min 02sec; 4, Alding, at 1:18; 5, R Parsec (Fr), at 1:20; 6, B Julich (US, amateur), at 1:43.

ADI-LES-BAINS, France: Criterium of the Alps (208.5km). Leading final positions: 1, C Mottet (Fr), 5hr 18min 03sec; 2, R Miller (GB), at 05sec; 3, L Lelsbirre (Fr), 2min 53sec; 4, M Carter (US), 2:58; 5, C Criquielion (Bel), 4:12; 6, A Achenmann (Switz), same time.

CHESHAM: Breakfast Milk grand prix (74 miles): 1, A Timmis (British Eagle), 3hr 09min 05sec; 2, N Solvey (Fiesta Valley Wh), 08:01; 3, N Solvey (Fiesta Valley Wh), 08:41; Stella AC 25: 1, A Roberts (Crewe Clarion Wh), 52:28; 2, P Nabi (Elizabethan CC), 56:31; 3, R Weddington (ABC Centrewalk), 59:34. Wallaschill CC Tour of the Burns Country (20 miles): 1, J Gladwell (Loudoun RC), 47:26; 2, M Williamson (GS Modena), 49:18; 3, D Miller (Chryston Wh), 49:37.

FOOTBALL

FRENCH LEAGUE: Metz 1, Caen 1; Nantes 0, Lyons 0; Bordeaux 3, Nice 0; Marseilles 1, Auxerre 0; Toulouse 0, Montpellier 0; Cannes 0, Toulon 0; Monaco 2, Rennes 1; St Etienne 2, Sochaux 1; Paris Saint-Germain 1, Brest 1; Lille 0, Nancy 2. Leading positions (after 37 matches): 1, Marseilles, 52pts; 2, Monaco, 50; 3, Auxerre, 46; Marseilles champions

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 1, Real Sociedad 3.

DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Utrecht 4, FC Groningen 0; Fortuna Sittard 0, PSV Eindhoven 3; Willem II Tilburg 5, FC Haarenveen 2; FC Twente Enschede 4, MVV Maastricht 1; Sparta Rotterdam 0, FC Den Haag 0; SVV Schiedam 3, Roda JC Kerkrade 1. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, pl 31, 49pts; 2, Ajax, 29, 45; 3, FC Groningen, 30, 42.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: AS Roma 1, Naples 1; Internazionale 2, Lazio 0; Atalanta 0, Genoa 0; Bari 2, AC Milan 1; Bologna 1, Cagliari 2; Fiorentina 0, Torino 0; Juventus 4, Pisa 2; Parma 2, Cesena 0; Sampdoria 3, Lecce 0. Leading positions (after 25 matches): 1, Sampdoria, 30pts; 2, AC Milan, 45; 3, Internazionale, 44. Sampdoria champions

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CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: 20th stage (213km): 1, J Montoya (Sp), 5hr 01min 27sec; 2, I Gaston (Sp); 3, N More (Col); 4, U Bolts (Ger); 5, G de Vries (Neth); 6, J Uzzage (Sp), all same time. 21st stage (170km): 1, F Van Poppel (Neth), 4:45:05; 2, G Palenza (Ita); 3, M Hermans (Neth); 4, U Raab (Ger); 5, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 6, M Elliott (GB), all same time. Final overall positions: 1, M Maut (Sp), 82:48:07; 2, M Indurain (Sp), at 2min 52sec; 3, M Lejarreta (Sp), at 3:11; 4, F Echave (Sp), at 3:54; 5, F Parra (Col), at 5:35; 6, P Ruiz Cabestany (Sp), at 6:50.

TOUR DU PONT: 10th stage (188km): 1, S Bauer (Can), 5hr 16min 26sec; 2, D Phinney (US); 3, R Alding (Ger); 4, S Kelly (Ire); 5, P Anderson (Aus); 6, M Hall (US), all same time. Final overall positions: 1, A Kraiievski (Nor), 49:21:12; 2, E Breukink (Neth), at 50sec; 3, A Grewal (US), at 1min 02sec; 4, Alding, at 1:18; 5, R Parsec (Fr), at 1:20; 6, B Julich (US, amateur), at 1:43.

ADI-LES-BAINS, France: Criterium of the Alps (208.5km). Leading final positions: 1, C Mottet (Fr), 5hr 18min 03sec; 2, R Miller (GB), at 05sec; 3, L Lelsbirre (Fr), 2min 53sec; 4, M Carter (US), 2:58; 5, C Criquielion (Bel), 4:12; 6, A Achenmann (Switz), same time.

CHESHAM: Breakfast Milk grand prix (74 miles): 1, A Timmis (British Eagle), 3hr 09min 05sec; 2, J Waisham (AMS-Dean), same time; 3, G Baker (PCA), at 1min 43sec.

TIME-TRIALS: Glossop Velo 25: 1, M Blagden (pedestrian VH), 59:05; 2, G Wood (Manchesfield Wh), 59:06; 3, N Solvey (Fiesta Valley Wh), 59:41. Stella AC 25: 1, A Roberts (Crewe Clarion Wh), 52:28; 2, P Nabi (Elizabethan CC), 56:31; 3, R Weddington (ABC Centrewalk), 59:34. Wallaschill CC Tour of the Burns Country (20 miles): 1, J Gladwell (Loudoun RC), 47:26; 2, M Williamson (GS Modena), 49:18; 3, D Miller (Chryston Wh), 49:37.

FOOTBALL

FRENCH LEAGUE: Metz 1, Caen 1; Nantes 0, Lyons 0; Bordeaux 3, Nice 0; Marseilles 1, Auxerre 0; Toulouse 0, Montpellier 0; Cannes 0, Toulon 0; Monaco 2, Rennes 1; St Etienne 2, Sochaux 1; Paris Saint-Germain 1, Brest 1; Lille 0, Nancy 2. Leading positions (after 37 matches): 1, Marseilles, 52pts; 2, Monaco, 50; 3, Auxerre, 46; Marseilles champions

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 1, Real Sociedad 3.

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WOODBROOK, Dublin: Smurfit Irish professional championship: Leading third-round scores: 209: P Walton (A T Cross), 70, 71, 68; J Kenny (Kenlys Tourists, Cork), 72, 65, 72. 211: E Darcy (Sligo), 74, 69, 68. 212: B McGovern (Headford), 75, 70, 67. 213: C O'Connor Jnr (Slaley Hall), 71, 67, 75.

HOCKEY

WASSENAAR, The Netherlands: Men's European club championships: Pool A: Reserve 4, Kothener (Ger) 2; Uhlenhorst (Ger) 3, Hounslow 0; Uhlenhorst 5, Royal Reserve 2; Hounslow 3, Kothener 0. Pool B: Atletico Terrassa 4, Alma Ata (USSR) 1; HGC 10, Pomorzanin (Pol) 0; Atletico Terrassa 3, HGC 1, Alma Ata 2, Pomorzanin 2.

LEVERKUSEN, Germany: Women's European club championship: Pool A: HGC 16, Royal Reserve 0; Glasgow Western 7, Slade Pomorzanin 1; Glasgow Western 2, Club de Campo (Sp) 1; Amsterdam 3, Portadown 0; Amsterdam 1, HGC 1; Portadown 5, Royal Reserve 1. Pool B: Slough 10, Vindhemspojkarn (Swe) 0; Swansea 5, Young Boys (Switz) 0; Slough 3, Meteor (USSR) 0; Swansea 6, Asociacion Austria (Austria) 0; Glasgow Western wo Andijanka (USSR); Club de Campo (Sp) 1, Swansea 1.

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final (at The Hague): Sutton Coldfield 1, Rythm Grodno (USSR) 1 (Rythm Grodno won 4-3 on penalty strokes).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Semi-finals: Somerset 0, Kent 1; Yorkshire 3, Middlesex 5 (aet). Final: Middlesex 4, Kent 3. Under-21: Semi-finals: Essex 1, Nottinghamshire 5; Kent 6, Cheshire 0. Final: Nottinghamshire 2, Kent 0

JUDO

PRAGUE: European championships: Finals: Men: Under-60kg: P Pradayrol (Fr) bt K Kamrowski (Pol); M Cattedra (It) and J Wagner (Hun), bronzes. Under-65kg: E Born (Switz) bt J Cseh (Hun); M Schmick (Ger) and I Fraezeni (GB), bronzes. Under-71kg: S Dotz (Ger) bt J Varaski (Czt; M Allev (USSR) and C Gagliano (Fr), bronzes. 78kg: A Wurth (Neth) bt J Lasis (Ger; S Varaev (USSR) and M Spittka (Ger), bronzes. 86kg: A Loberaston (Ger) bt G Vernaes (It); L Willer (Sp) and A Cassanu (Rom), bronzes. 95kg: T Meyer (Neth) bt G Gewgastelli (USSR). S Trainaeu (Fr) and D Knonak (Ger), bronzes. Over-95kg: H Stohr (Ger) bt S Kosorotov (USSR); R Kubacki (Pol) and D Doullet (Fr), bronzes. Open weight: I Berezneast (USSR) bt B von Bitzen (Ger); S Venturelli (It) and P Roginon (Fr), bronzes. Women: 61kg: Z Hang (Hun) bt E Eichroff (Ger); S Profantar (Austria) and Y Asad (Isr), bronzes. 66kg: I Beaurtelle (Fr) bt K Howey (GB); C Han (Neth) and Y Fotakhakova (USSR), bronzes. 72kg: L Meignan (Fr) bt E Karlsson (Swe); U Werbrouck (Bel) and M Van Dorssen (Neth), bronzes. Over-72kg: B Maksymow (Pol) bt C Weber (Ger); A Seriese (Neth) and S Gundarenko (USSR), bronzes.

MOTORCYCLING

MISANO ADRIATICO: Italian grand prix: Sidecar: 1, R Bland and Waibegerg (Switz), Krauser, 1:19.12; 2, S Webster and G Simmons (GB), Krauser, 1:19.74; 3, A Michel and Bachgli (Fr), Krauser, 1:21.53. 125cc: 1, F Gresini (It), Honda, 26laps in 39min 29.93sec; 2, L Caprossi (It), Honda, at 18.46sec; 3, A Gramigni (It), Aprilia, 23.101. Championship standings (four races): 1, F Gresini, 71pts; 2, L Caprossi, 67; 3, N Ueda (Japan), 55, 4, R Weidmann, 36, 5, J Martinez (Sp), 28; 6, H Luedni, 22. 250cc: 1, L Cecchinni (It), Honda, 30 laps, 39min, 29.951sec; 2, H Brand (Ger), Honda, at 0.005sec; 3, P Chili (It), Aprilia, 8.10. Standings (after five races): 1, L Cecchini, 97 pts; 2, H Brad (Ger), 71; 3, C Cardus (Sp), 65, 4, L Reggiani (It), 61, 5, W Lawson (US), 55. 6, M Shimizu (Japan), 41. 500cc: 1, M Doohen (Aus), Honda, 36 laps, 45:27.037, 2, J

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Anxious Lazio suspend their proposed £8.5 million deal until extent of ligament injury is known

Gascoigne transfer under threat

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Gascoigne's proposed £8.5 million transfer to Lazio of Rome all but collapsed yesterday and the troubled financial affairs of Tottenham Hotspur were thrown into new confusion.

Lazio, who were to have bought Gascoigne from Tottenham this week and then paraded him before their supporters next weekend, will await a full report on the surgery carried out yesterday on Gascoigne's right knee before deciding whether to reopen the deal at a later stage. Gianmarco Calleri, the Lazio president, said: "Until Tottenham let me know officially, I cannot say that the deal is off, but if the news I hear coming from England is correct, then I think the deal is off."

Calleri added: "I regret enormously what has happened after all the effort and determination that has gone into getting Paul Gascoigne to Lazio next season. While wishing him the speediest recovery, the contract would only be valid if the player were fully fit, and if he passed a full medical."

The operation on the cruciate ligament in Gascoigne's right knee lasted for two hours, and Gascoigne will stay for ten days at the Princess Grace Hospital in Marylebone, where he was taken after damaging himself during the FA Cup final at Wembley on Saturday. John Browett, the surgeon, confirmed that the knee would be encased in plaster for three months.

Dave Butler, the Tottenham physiotherapist, said: "Paul has no chance of making the start of next season. He was operated on for an anterior cruciate ligament injury, and the operation went well.

"We are not expecting any problems with him at all. I have no idea how long it will take for him to be fit again, but it definitely won't be for the start of the season."

Ironically, the same injury ended the playing career of Brian Clough, the manager of Nottingham Forest, who were beaten 2-1 after extra time by Tottenham. Gascoigne is a quick healer, as he showed by recovering from a stomach operation in time to help eliminate Arsenal in the semi-final. Nevertheless, the gloomiest scenario is that he could be out for a year.

The delay gives Terry Venables, the manager of Tottenham, time to consider his own options. Although he intends to pursue his ambition of taking over the club, he is to be offered an extension of his contract, which is scheduled to end next month. The new version, for another year, is worth £300,000.

Irving Scholar, the club chairman, has twice been convinced that he had reached agreement with Venables and his consortium. On both occasions, though, the subsequent bid fell far short of requirements.

"I never wanted him [Venables] to leave," Scholar said yesterday. "To prove that, I'm offering him a new contract".

Both are still committed to keeping Gascoigne. "I'll continue to do everything I can to stop Gascoigne going," Venables said. "We were under the impression that something was going to happen this week, but his injury is a bad one and it has thrown a spanner in the works."

Tottenham Hotspur plc, the parent company of the football club, has debts of about £20 million after unsuccessful deals in other areas. It is under pressure from its creditors, led by Midland Bank, to sell off the football club's assets, principally Gascoigne and Gary Lineker, the England centre forward, to reduce debts. Venables has been trying, without success, to raise a consortium to buy the football club.

The Gascoigne injury completed a dismal weekend for Gianmarco Calleri, the president of Lazio. His club lost all hope of qualifying for the Uefa Cup next season.

Calleri had planned to display his record acquisition before his club's closing home game against Sampdoria, the Italian champions. Gascoigne was on the verge of accepting terms, which would have guaranteed him £5 million over four years – as long as he passed a fitness test.

His own loss could be Tottenham's gain. They will join Manchester United in the European Cup-Winners' Cup next season, and the prospect of re-entering Europe, as well as yielding a potential profit of some £2 million from gate receipts and television, could persuade the likes of Lineker, Nayim and Stewart, other subjects of transfer speculation, to stay.

The disintegration of the Tottenham team was considered inevitable had the sale of Gascoigne been completed. The esteem with which he is held by his colleagues was not only evident once he had been carried away on a stretcher, but was also confirmed by Venables.

"We all feel so sorry for him," he said. "He had played such a magnificent part in getting us to the final and this was supposed to be his big day. It is so sad. I never thought we were a one-man team, but it is just more exciting with him there."

Venables was tactically responsible for achieving the first honour of his managerial career in England. In doing so, he denied Clough the one trophy he has never won as a player or as a manager.

The scorer of 251 League goals for Sunderland, he collided with the shoulder of Bury's goalkeeper on Boxing Day, 1962. He recalled that he could not straighten his right knee, which had been in plaster for three months, for several weeks.

It was still painful 18 months later when, at the age of 28, he was forced prematurely to retire. The diagnosis was torn cruciate ligaments, which govern the flexibility of the joint.

The symptom, an immediate swelling after impact, was noticed by the referee, Roger Milford, as soon as Gascoigne had stayed on the ground after committing a foul tackle on Gary Charles on Saturday. Milford signalled urgently for treatment because he could see the knee "ballooning". He was surprised that Gascoigne was able to stand up, let alone continue for a few minutes.

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David Miller, page 32

Ipswich act

Ipswich Town, who finished in their lowest position for 25 years, have transfer-listed their midfield player, Glenn Pennyfather. The manager of the second-division club, John Lyall, is discussing terms with other players, including David Linighan, the captain.

JULIAN HERBERT



Cup of cheer: a celebrating Venables holds the FA Cup aloft before Tottenham supporters in London yesterday

Taylor realistic on Gascoigne

GRAHAM Taylor, the England manager, yesterday had no time for tears over the loss of Paul Gascoigne as he launched England's hectic end-of-season programme. The England manager, under whom the team has remained unbeaten, was more concerned with the triangular England Challenge Cup which opens against the Soviet Union tomorrow.

Taylor, who has to steer England through six matches in the next month said: "I'm not being heartless but very much a realist. No one wants to see anybody injured but I won't make any comment until I know exactly what the situation is.

"What I'm concerned about is that we are very much geared up to beating the Soviet Union. I always believe in working with what you've got and not what you haven't got.

"People might say it's not caring, other people might say it's very professional. I can't be concerned with other things that are happening elsewhere and neither should the players.

"Over my career as a league manager I've got sick and tired of talking about injuries. They mean you haven't got players available but you have just got to get on with those who are available. It's what Tottenham did on Saturday.

"The only people I have my mind and attention on right now are those 19 players here and I won't be side tracked."

Gascoigne had been included for the meeting on Saturday with the World Cup finalists, Argentina, but Taylor has already indicated this year that he suspected Gazza's temperment, and dropped him from the crucial European Championship qualifier against The Republic in Dublin last November.

Taylor, who is also preparing for the three-week tour of Australasia, which starts next weekend, said: "Psychologically when a season has come to an end the one thing you don't want at international level is to lose that hardness that comes from winning.

"The boys that are here and coming on tour have got to maintain that, they can't go soft. They have all come to the end of a very hard season but I don't want a softening in their mental approach."

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Lazio watch and wait

ROME – Gianmarco Calleri, president of Lazio Football Club, said yesterday he was "waiting for a complete medical report on Paul Gascoigne's injury" (Paul Bompard writes). He added: "If the long recovery period is confirmed, then the deal for the purchase of Gascoigne will be definitely off."

Lazio's contract with Tottenham for the purchase of Gascoigne for £8.5 million – as well as their contract with the player himself for about £2 million net over five years and lavish fringe benefits – includes a clause that the player must be pronounced perfectly fit "on delivery".

Lazio will be further discouraged from taking any chances on Gascoigne by the limit of three foreign players for each Italian club. Lazio have two foreigners under contract for next season.

Cricket studies plastic option

By RICHARD STREETON

PLASTIC outfields at first-class cricket grounds, with a grass pitch in the middle, installed separately, were less a distant vision than a realistic possibility in the years ahead, Alan Smith, the Test and County Cricket Board's chief executive, said yesterday. It would mean a prompter restart after rain, he added, and would allow the counties to use their grounds for other events in the winter months.

"It probably will not happen in my time but long-term these changes would make a lot of sense," Smith said. "Cricket grounds in the past 25 years have already become very different places from what they were and it is only sensible to accept that they will continue to change in the next 25 years."

Hampshire, at Southampton, and Durham, at Chester-le-Street, are the only counties planning to build new grounds from scratch. Hampshire have not made provision for a synthetic outfield. Ian Caller, the Durham president, said it would not be ruled out from their thinking. Durham have already schemed a synthetic surface for their adjacent practice ground.

Lt-Col John Stephenson, the MCC secretary, answering questions, thought it would be a long time before any similar provision was made at Lord's. "In my view cricketers would always want to play on grass. I like to see MCC leading the way in cricket matters but in this instance I think we would probably want to see what happens elsewhere first."

Smith emphasised his board had not officially discussed the question of artificial outfields. "As a rigid traditionalist I believe that cricket should always remain a game played on genuine turf pitches but outfields are a different issue."

When other events were held on turf outfields, he said, the grass invariably took time to recover. This problem did not arise on an artificial surface, which for cricket did not affect either the ball's condition or its bounce.

An advantage in wet weather was that water seeped straight through an artificial surface and there would be no problems with drainage, even at a ground like Lord's, which sloped so much. The narrow Lord's ground was the perfect example of a heavily used venue that would benefit from the idea of slotting a different grass pitch into the same central strip for each fixture.

It would also simplify the siting of television cameras and perimeter avertising boards. At a larger ground like the Oval, additional, temporary accommodation could be placed on unused parts of the outfield without damaging it. "I am talking in generalities but if it prompts debate so much the better," Smith said.

Mike Gatting, the Middlesex captain, was not entirely convinced that artificial surfaces would recover from a heavy downpour as rapidly as was claimed. "I can understand counties at some grounds wanting to try this but I would not necessarily welcome it at Lords."John Emburey, the off spinner, was worried about bowlers in their approach run moving from the artificial surface on to the grassed pitch.

Jones given job

Ernie Jones, aged 58, the captain of the Professional Golfers' Association, has been appointed professional to the K Club at Straffan, County Kildare.

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Woosnam rallies but falls just short

Castelconturbia

CRAIG Parry, of Australia, won the Italian open golf tournament here yesterday despite a determined rally by the Masters champion, Ian Woosnam, who fired a five-under-par 67 but finished one stroke back. Parry, who returned a 67 on Saturday, followed with a 70 yesteday and collected the $94,538 first prize in the $567,000 tournament.

Costantino Rocca, of Italy, finished with a 66 to jump from eighth place to third on the final day. His round was matched only by José-María Olazábal, of Spain, who, on the strength of his 66, climbed from 27th place to a tie for ninth with Chris Cookson, the highest finishing American, at even-par 288.

Woosnam, the overwhelming pre-tournament favourite, paid the price for his one-over par 73 on Saturday. He suffered four bogeys on the front nine in that round and two on the back before he rallied with two birdies and a hole-in-one with a six-iron shot on the 193-yard 17th.

The shot earned Woosnam a new car, but the one-over par round left him four strokes behind Parry, who completed the tournament with rounds of 71, 71, 67 and 70.

David Gilford and Martin Gates, both of England, tied for fourth, six strokes behind Parry on 285. Paul Way, of England, who briefly shared the tournament lead after his opening round 68, finished in a tie for sixth place with Stephen McAllister, of Scotland, on 286. Colin Montgomerie, another Scot, was eighth.

☐ Philip Walton kept a bogey off his card and captured the £60,000 Smurfit Irish professional championship at Woodbrook, near Dublin, yesterday. Walton, aged 29, hit a final round 68 for an 11-under-par total of 277 and a first prize of £10,000.

Walton, level with John McHenry as joint leader overnight, had the the measure of the Cork player from an early stage. But Eamonn Darcy, the 1988 champion, finished two shots behind in second place and always posed a serious threat. "I knew Eamonn was always going to be dangerous," Walton said.

LEADING FINAL SCORES

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278: C Parry (Aus), 71, 71, 67, 70. 280: I Woosnam, 69, 71, 73, 67. 282: C Rocca (It), 69, 73, 74, 66. 285: M Gates, 71, 71, 73, 70; D Gilford, 70, 70, 71, 74. 286: P Way, 68, 73, 75, 70; S McAllister, 72, 70, 73, 71. 287: C Montgomerie, 71, 72, 72, 72. 288: J-M Olazábal (Sp), 70, 73, 73, 66; C Cookson (US), 72, 73, 68, 75. 289: W Riley (Aus), 68, 75, 77, 69. 290: A Hunter, 72, 73, 75, 70; M Davis, 70, 73, 73, 74. 291: A Forsbrand (Swe), 75, 73, 74, 69; A Cantero (Arg), 72, 73, 72, 74; R Karlsson (Swe), 72, 74, 71, 74. 292: D Williams, 70, 73, 75, 74. 293: V Singh (Fiji), 73, 75, 75, 70; D J Russell, 73, 76, 74, 70; P Quirici (Switz), 73, 69, 75, 76. 294: S Torrance, 72, 77, 73, 72; K Trimble (Aus), 71, 79, 71, 73. 295: J-M Cañizares (Sp), 74, 75, 77, 69. 296: P Senior (Aus), 74, 72, 77, 73; G Day (US), 73, 72, 77, 74; F Nobilo (NZ), 73, 74, 74, 75; H Clark, 72, 77, 72, 75; J Spence, 74, 74, 73, 75; C Platts, 74, 71, 72, 79. 297: P O'Malley (Aus), 73, 76, 77, 71; A Johnstone (Zim), 73, 73, 79, 72; B Dassu (It), 74, 73, 75, 75; K Brown, 75, 75, 72, 75; A Rogato (It), 74, 70, 77, 76; M Miller, 72, 76, 71, 76. 298: W Grant, 73, 74, 77, 74; J Hobday, 72, 78, 74, 74; J Rutledge (Can), 73, 74, 76, 75; M Hoegberg (Swe), 72, 74, 76, 76.

299: A Gilner (Swe), 70, 73, 79, 77; Q Dobson (Fr), 72, 73, 76, 78. 300: J Davila (Sp), 75, 76, 77, 72; P Mitchell, 72, 74, 81, 73. 301: O Sellberg (Swe), 71, 80, 79, 71; P Price, 74, 75, 77, 75; A Sherborne, 73, 77, 74, 77; J Coceres (Arg), 73, 73, 75, 80; M A Jimenez (Arg), 79, 70, 72, 80. 302: N Briggs, 73, 75, 82, 72; J Rivero (Sp), 75, 74, 80, 73; M Fernandez (Arg), 74, 73, 81, 74; R Chapman, 75, 76, 77, 74; R Drummond, 73, 76, 75, 78; A Haire, 72, 78, 75, 77; P Teravainen (US), 78, 75, 72, 79; L Vannet, 73, 72, 77, 80.

Financial concerns divide the racing industry

By RICHARD EVANS

AS JOCKEYS, trainers and horses wander on to the gallops of Newmarket, Lambourn and Middleham this morning for second lot, MPs will deliver their verdict on the state of racing's finances.

How ironic that the select committee's conclusions will emerge as the sport braces itself for one of the most serious internal disputes for years, which threatens to kill off any pretence that racing can ever speak with one voice, and much more besides.

The two forces determine the day-to-day running of the sport. They are the Horserace Betting Levy Board, racing's paymasters, and the Jockey Club, racing's rulers, backed up by racecourses and owners. It is a lethal cocktail of power, finance and principle.

The problems began last week when the Levy Board announced the measures it proposed to take to accommodate a cut of £8.6 million in financial support for racing over the next 18 months. The drastic economies flow from off-course punters waging £1 million a day less on racing during the first three months of this year compared to the same period in 1990.

Included in the package was a plan to provide finance and support for three race meetings on Thursdays (as opposed to two at the moment) and four on Saturdays throughout the year (rather than just during the National Hunt season).

The reasoning behind the Levy Board executive's plan to restructure the "criteria" fixtures – those which generate the most betting turnover – was simple. It wants to provide the most attractive fare for the punter in an attempt to generate extra turnover and, thereby, cash for racing via the levy. Desperate times required swift action.

"The board . . . hopes that the Jockey Club and racecourses will be prepared to grant and stage fixtures on this basis," it said in a statement, somewhat optimistically.

The announcement sent the Jockey Club into orbit. Arranging the fixture list is a Jockey Club responsibility. More importantly, it is power. Just about its only real power. The Levy Board decision, agreed by five votes to three, was seen as attempting to force Portman Square's hand.

Far worse, the decision was regarded as undermining the Jockey Club's carefully constructed case to obtain more money from bookmakers for racing's depleted coffers.

Everyone agrees the existing fixture list is far from ideal and could be improved substantially to increase betting turnover. But the Jockey Club is adamant it will only streamline the fixture list if the bookmakers are prepared to pay. After all, Lord Hartington and his colleagues argue, increased turnover would bolster the existing £150 million per year profits of the bookmakers, so racing should get a share.

And yet here was the Levy Board, which includes two representatives of the betting industry, agreeing to give bookmakers what they want, without the promise of a penny in return.

Behind-the-scenes threats, ultimatums and harsh words were uttered, in the end to no avail. The Jockey Club rejected the plan after a hastily convened meeting.

So racing is now faced with the prospect of the sport's two most powerful bodies at loggerheads. The Levy Board is bound by a policy decision to provide cash for extra meetings which the Jockey Club is not prepared to include in its fixture list.

Despite a meeting on Friday afternoon between Tristram Ricketts, the chief executive of the Levy Board, Christopher Haines, chief executive of the Jockey Club, and Stanley Jackson, managing director of the Racecourse Association, compromise or agreement seems a distance away. Talking will continue this week, but someone has to back down if the fixture list deadline of the end of July is to be met.

What may appear to be bureaucratic fisticuffs to some, could affect racing directly. There is now a growing move to disrupt racing in order to obtain more money for the sport from the big off-course bookmakers, who presently pay next to nothing.

While few go as far as Lord White of Hull in suggesting racing should go on strike, several trainers are now talking of having more fixtures in the evening and fewer in the afternoon. Bookmakers' off-course profits would take a dive because their shops are not allowed to open in the evening.

With owners, trainers and racecourses supporting the Jockey Club, such shock tactics might appeal to Portman Square.

Racing is in for a very bumpy ride. And there is no equivalent of Lester Piggott to save the day.

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